

Doctors threaten more hunger strikes

By MARGERY GREENFELD and LORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

With hospitals throughout the country gradually filling up and services being drastically reduced in Beersheba's Soroka Hospital because of the doctors' three-day-old hunger strike, the Israel Medical Association said last night that an extension of the hunger strike to other regional hospitals was "imminent."

"While the hunger strike in Beersheba was a locally inspired action, we are planning to issue instructions from the national strike headquarters to other hospitals that serve large and dispersed populations to start hunger strikes very soon," IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The IMA central committee will hold its crucial vote on whether to allow the Kupat Holim Clalit clinic doctors to return immediately to full-time work only next week. Ishai

yesterday told Dr. Miriam Sangen, the head of the clinic doctors' organization, that the central committee wanted time to study the agreement she had reached with the Histadrut health fund's management.

Ishai said that he would inform Sangen on "Sunday or Monday" of the time of the central committee's meeting. Sangen, however, said yesterday that "nothing can be gained by delay." In fact, the Clalit doctors' organization is autonomous and IMA approval is not really needed, she said. "We went into the strike together and are still entirely identified with the goals of the strike, so it is only gentlemanly to consult our partners before taking any step," Sangen said.

She also dismissed reports that the clinic doctors had achieved a 58-per-cent pay rise in their agreement as being "totally out of touch with reality. Although I wish it were

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High Court kills retroactive change in party-finance law

The High Court of Justice yesterday struck down an amendment to the Party Finance Law on the basis of which the Finance Ministry gave additional sums to various political parties to cover cost over-runs after the last Knesset election campaign. But it was unclear last night whether the parties will have to return the money.

A special five-member bench handed down its ruling in response to a petition by Knesset Member Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui). Rubinstein said that the retroactive law rewarded parties that spent more on campaigning than they were legally entitled to do, and punished parties like Shinui, which stayed within the limits.

The parties that over-spent were the Likud, the Alignment, Tehiya, Telem and Tami.

The justices agreed that the change was illegal, since it discriminated between parties and violated the principle of equality in funding.

Representatives of the Likud and the Alignment told *Jerusalem Post*

reporter Sarah Honig that they were not perturbed.

A Likud politician said: "We will have to study the situation and hear legal opinions before we can evaluate the situation fully. But it appears that there is no binding order on the parties to return the funds they received."

This was the view in the Labour Party as well, where sources said that "there is no need to panic over the decision. It would be all but impossible for the parties to give back any money, since their coffers were depleted by the election and they quickly spent every agora of the al-oments. There is nothing to give back."

The Labour Party spokesman last night announced that the party will honour the High Court decision obliging parties to pay a 15 per cent fine for spending above recognized expenditure.

Rubinstein warned yesterday that he has heard that the Likud and Labour were planning to cooperate on legislation that would circumvent the court decision.



One of the victims of the Tel Hotel blast being treated at Ichilov Hospital, Tel Aviv, last night. (Story below right) (Israel Sun)

Gunmen kill 15 in Tripoli

BEIRUT (AP). — Masked gunmen in a speeding car raked a crowded beach, a restaurant and a string of shops with machine gun fire in Tripoli yesterday. Police said 15 persons were killed and eight wounded.

Privately owned radio stations in Beirut put the casualty toll at 18 killed and 20 wounded in the 10-minute shooting spree.

Police said there was no clue to the assailants' identity. But the Beirut-based Voice of Lebanon radio station of the Christian Phalange Party blamed the attack on Syrian-backed Alawite Moslem militiamen avenging the fatal shootings of three comrades in Sunni Moslem neighbourhoods earlier yesterday.

If the report is accurate, the killings in the predominantly Sunni neighbourhood of Bahsas could plunge the city of half a million people

into a new round of warfare between pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian militias.

In Beirut, police said five persons were slightly injured in four pre-dawn bombings in the Moslem sector of the capital a day after Syria's state-run news media called for a guerrilla war against Christian President Amin Jemayel's regime in an effort to undermine the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal pact.

Two car bombs exploded within one minute of each other in the Sanayeh neighbourhood, causing extensive damage to the lower floors of a six-storey building containing the office of two Lebanese parliament members.

The two parliament members whose offices sustained damage are also Christians. Two days ago they voted to endorse the U.S.-sponsored pact.

Ehrlich's condition 'very serious'

By MARGERY GREENFELD and SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich slipped into unconsciousness yesterday morning and was described as being in a "very serious" condition yesterday evening.

Ehrlich, who was admitted on Tuesday to the intensive care unit at Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem after suffering what was described as a "cerebrovascular accident" (a stroke), was attached to an artificial respirator to help his breathing after he lost consciousness.

"To our great sorrow, the deputy premier's condition deteriorated this morning and can now be described as very serious," hospital director Prof. Shlomo Stern said yesterday. "In cases of this nature, the first two or three days are the most fateful, and the worsening in condition that we feared has indeed happened."

Ehrlich is in a private room in the intensive care unit and is being treated by a team of doctors, including experts in respiratory problems. A team of circulatory-system experts is standing by, but "so far we have noted no circulatory problems," Stern said.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin visited his deputy yesterday after Ehrlich had lost consciousness. "He went into the room, stayed for about two minutes and emerged looking very sad," said a visitor at the hospital.

Other than the prime minister, only family members are permitted into Ehrlich's room. His wife Tzila, his son Avi and his daughter, Eliseva, who arrived yesterday morning from the U.S., have been keeping an almost constant vigil at his bedside.

Stern last night described Ehrlich's condition as critical. He has been unconscious since yesterday morning and is connected to a breathing apparatus, Stern said, adding that Ehrlich's blood pressure and heart functions were satisfactory however.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday paid a visit to the Bikur Holim hospital and went directly from there to the Western Wall to pray for Ehrlich's recovery.

A special emissary from the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Israel and U.S. discuss IDF redeployment

By WOLF BLITZER
Post Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Israel yesterday began consultations on the possibility of Israel's establishing an new defence line in South Lebanon. This is required under the terms of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement and the accompanying American-Israeli side letters.

At issue, U.S. and Israeli sources said, was an Israeli redeployment away from the Shouf Mountains outside Beirut but not necessarily a total disengagement of forces with Syria. Under such a unilateral Israeli pullback, Israeli and Syrian troops would be separated in South Lebanon but would remain face-to-face along the eastern sector of Lebanon, in the Bekaa valley, the sources said.

France is prepared to pick up the major burden following a withdrawal, the sources added. They said, however, that other U.S., British and Italian forces attached to the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon would also have to strengthen their respective roles.

In addition, they said, the central Lebanese Army also would be given more responsibilities in defending the country.

Visiting Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche and Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne met at the State Department yesterday

day with Under Secretary for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger, Special Middle East Envoy Morris Draper, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Veliotis and other U.S. officials.

Secretary of State George Shultz is scheduled to receive Rosenne today for their first meeting since the new envoy's arrival in Washington on June 5.

The *Jerusalem Post* reporter in Jerusalem adds:

Redeployment was the main theme of yesterday's meeting between U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Jerusalem.

Political sources said last night that Lewis had indicated that the Reagan administration is aware of Israel's need to redeploy its forces in Lebanon.

The sources said that Washington would not oppose the redeployment of the Israel Defence Forces provided that it was coordinated with the U.S. and fully agreed to by the Lebanese.

Lewis met Begin after returning from a series of consultations in Washington following Syria's rejection of last month's Israeli-Lebanese agreement and its refusal to withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

Lewis also delivered a message from President Reagan, proposing a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Man dies planting TA bomb

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One person died and four were wounded — two critically, and the other two medium to critically — when a large bomb exploded outside Tel Hotel in Rehov Hayarkon at 8:50 p.m. yesterday.

Large police forces cordoned off the area. It is believed that four Arabs were

handling what may have been a grenade at the back of the building close to gas containers.

Police believe the Arabs may have been preparing a bomb.

One of those wounded was a tourist who was a passerby.

Windows in the hotel and nearby buildings were shattered.

All the wounded were taken to Ichilov Hospital, where one of the Arab victims was declared dead on arrival.

Supreme Soviet confers presidency on Andropov

MOSCOW — Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov took over the post of president yesterday in a move that suggested he had strengthened his position within the Kremlin leadership.

Andropov, 69, was elected to the vacant title by a unanimous vote at a session of the Supreme Soviet. He was the only candidate.

He was proposed for the post by Politburo member Konstantin Chernenko, 71, the man who rivalled Andropov for the party leadership last November and has been considered by Western analysts as his main opponent in the Kremlin.

In his proposal speech, Chernenko praised Andropov as vigorous, energetic and wise.

Andropov is only the second Soviet leader to combine the posts of party chief and head of state.

His predecessor, Leonid Brezhnev, had to wait 13 years to add the presidency to his party post, and he won it by ousting Nikolai Podgorny in 1977.

The presidency issue was the clearest indication to date that Andropov faced opposition in the upper ranks of the party. Western diplomats said his success yesterday made clear he had substantially strengthened his position since November.

They said the fact that Chernenko was chosen to propose him was also significant, and suggested that the Kremlin was trying to demonstrate that there was now unity within the Politburo.

But veteran Kremlin-watchers said they would not end the vigil until the troops are "out of harm's way."

Begin meets parents group opposing war in Lebanon

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday met with representatives of Parents against Silence, one of the groups protesting against the war in Lebanon recently condemned by some of Begin's colleagues in the Likud.

The six representatives of the group, which this week joined the anti-war vigil outside Begin's Jerusalem residence, presented the prime minister with a petition which they said was signed by 10,000 people calling for an immediate Israel Defence Forces withdrawal from Lebanon.

A spokeswoman for the group said they would not end the vigil until the troops are "out of harm's way."

According to participants, Begin told the parents — all mothers of

men serving in Lebanon — that the "big problem is that the U.S. has no influence in Damascus."

(Photograph — Page 3)
Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov ended his hunger strike last night at the request of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and others, he told *The Jerusalem Post*. He had been fasting outside the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem in protest against the month-old vigil there of groups urging the immediate withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces from Lebanon.

The Hebrew Writers Association yesterday issued a statement expressing "grave concern at the prolonged war in Lebanon and the many victims it is claiming every day." The association said it "joins the public demand to act immediately to speed up the return home of the IDF troops."

TAKE A WALK



Trace the steps of the Roman and Jewish empires of 2,000 years ago, in a FREE walking tour. Mary and Miriam Isaac, authors of Inside Old Jerusalem, invite Jerusalem Post readers to join them today. Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m., at the Jung Gate, for a tour of sites connected with the destruction of the second Temple. Please dress modestly; you will be entering religious sites. The tour will not include the Temple Mount itself. Duration of walk: approx. 2 1/2 hours.

NEWSBEAT/Liora Moriel and Patricia Golan

Funds needed now to fight poisons

ONE OF THE SUCCESSES of Israeli environmentalists is the relocation of some of the dangerous, foul-smelling chemical installations from the city of Beersheba to the Ramat Hovav industrial park, 12 kilometres to the south. The location was chosen after extensive surveys indicated that the pollution of the air and of the water inherent in such chemical plants would reach neither Beersheba nor the water table.

Pressured by the public, the Beersheba municipality wanted the Makhteshim pesticide plant and the

Dead Sea Bromine installations moved out of the city.

A major impetus for the relocation of Makhteshim was a \$7 million loan it received from the International Finance Corporation, an affiliate of the World Bank, in 1976. The loan was given on condition that Makhteshim find a way of producing its pesticides without endangering the nearby population. A

few weeks after news of the loan reached the news media, four workers at Makhteshim died of sulfocation when they entered an off-limit pit to help a stranded fellow-worker (who was the only one to survive).

When the 254-dunam Makhteshim (South) plant opened in January 1978 at Ramat Hovav, however, it was discovered that the new installations were not going to replace the old ones, but add to them. It has taken the Ministry of Health and the Beersheba (Continued on page 4)

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	Yesterday's	Today's	Max
Jerusalem	16	19-34	33
Golan	19	18-35	34
Nahariya	72	15-28	38
Safed	92	21-35	35
Haifa Port	11	20-36	36
Tiberias	42	18-39	38
Nazareth	42	18-34	34
Afula	19	18-32	32
Shomron	24	21-37	35
Tel Aviv	62	20-29	38
B-Galim	50	18-32	32
Jericho	20	23-43	43
Gaza	84	20-26	36
BeerSheva	30	16-36	35
Eilat	8	26-43	43

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Alan Ben-Ami, of Kol Yisrael, will speak on "War and Peace — Israel and the Middle East" at the meeting of the South African Zionist Federation and the Hitahadut Olei Britannia at 8:45 p.m. on Monday at the Moadon Haoleh, 9 Rehov Alkalai, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Robert E. Loup, National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, for the Jewish Agency Assembly, arrived in Israel for the 1983 Annual Conference of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, and the General Assembly of the Jewish Agency.

Z.O.A. leaders attending the Zionist General Council and Jewish Agency Assembly: Alette A. Resnick, newly elected President; Ivan J. Novick, Chairman of the Board.

For the 1983 Annual Conference of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, and the General Assembly of the Jewish Agency, from Australia: Arnold Bloch, leader Magid, Sam Moshinsky, from Canada: Jo Ann, Mandy Batsch, Charles Broadman, Phil Granovsky, Bernard Greisman, Ed Mowce, Jack Rose, Irving Sirin; from England: Clement Hallon, John Najman, Michael Sachar, from South Africa: Fritz Frank, Mendel Kaplan, Mark Kopelovitz, Aubrey Krawitz, Manual Sachar, Barney Singer, Julius Weinstein, Leon Wilder, Iz Kalinovsky, Izy Meisels; from Belgium: Paul Wythbaum; from France: Charles Corria, David de Rothschild, Sammy Rosenfeld, Michel Topiol, Simon Topiol, Sammy Weinberg, Joseph Zauberman, Jacques Orfuss; from West Germany: Hans Rosengold, Max Walner, Fela Rybnicki; from Switzerland: Paul Dreyfus.

Mr. Irwin S. Field, Chairman of the United Israel Appeal Inc., to attend meetings of the Jewish Agency Assembly.

DEPARTURES

Eitan Sela, the Histadrut's new political representative in Latin America, for Mexico City, where he will be based.

Abie Nathan may run for Tel Aviv mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Peace Ship owner Abie Nathan is considering running for Tel Aviv mayor, on the basis of a Mina Zeman poll reporting that he has 27.3 per cent support.
According to the poll among Tel Aviv residents, Mayor Shlomo Lahat has 56 per cent support, while his rival, Alignment candidate Dov Ben-Meir, has 11 per cent support. Nathan said.

9 hurt when truck hits 3 cars, overturns

ASHDOD (Itim). — Nine persons were injured in an accident in the Ashdod road junction, when an Israeli Defence Forces pick-up truck swerved and hit an oncoming car and then two more oncoming cars, and then overturned.
Two of the injured were described as in extremely serious condition and two were badly injured. Most of the injured were reportedly residents of the Gaza District.

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HOME NEWS

Conservative Jews push for recognition in Israel

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Leaders of the Conservative movement in American Jewry said yesterday that, following recent developments in Israel, they intend to intensify their struggle in Israel for recognition of what they said were their religious and political rights.

Speaking at a press conference in New York, Rabbi Morton Leifman, vice-president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Philip Specter, executive director of the Movement of M'sorati Judaism in Israel, deplored a recent incident at one of the Conservative movement's institutions in Israel, Neveh Hannah in Kiryat Gat. Habad-Lubavitch Hassidim interrupted a Bar-Mitzva celebration for children from unprivileged and broken homes conducted by Conservative Rabbi Jonathan Perlman to deliver a diatribe telling the children that they had been misled and that their celebration had not been authentic.

The Conservative leaders said that the incident reflected the growing intolerance towards the members of their movement in Israel.

A Reform leader, Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union of Hebrew Congregations told the Long Island Jewish World that, notwithstanding its accomplishments in recent years, the Reform movement in Israel has remained unrecognized. "We do not receive any governmental sup-

port since we are not recognized as a legitimate movement by the religious authorities," he said.

Itim reports in Jerusalem that the Reform movement in Israel announced earlier this week its intention to re-submit a request to have two of its leading rabbis recognized as marriage registrars, so that the Chief Rabbinate Council can reconsider the matter. This was agreed by all sides to the ongoing dispute after a four-hour debate in the High Court of Justice on Tuesday.

A five-member bench, comprising Relieving President Meir Shagrir and Justices Miriam Ben-Porat, Menachem Elon, Shlomo Levin and Dov Levin, endorsed the step, and postponed further consideration of the Reform movement's petition until it is re-submitted.

For the second consecutive session, the rabbinate failed to send a representative to the hearing. Renato Yarik of the state attorney's office presented a declaration from the Chief Rabbinate Council explaining its stand. According to the Orthodox rabbis, their Reform counterparts cannot be trusted to observe strict Jewish law on the matter, since they feel free to revise it according to their own beliefs.

Lawyers for the applicants, on the other hand, promised that the Reform rabbis would observe all religious bans, such as those on intermarriage and on unions between kohanim (members of the priestly line) and divorcees.

DOCTORS WARN

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true, our agreement includes nothing about a salary scale. This issue must be settled in negotiations for all doctors together," she declared.

In Beersheba, more than one fifth of Soroka's 250 doctors had joined the hunger strike as of last night. The remainder of the medical staff is expected to join the strike over the weekend, Dr. Naftali Shani, acting director of the hospital during the strike, said. He called such a step a "final act of desperation."

The urology and ear, nose and throat departments will be shut this morning, since the entire medical staffs of these two wards are among the 50-odd hunger strikers. Patients from the two wards will be transferred in ambulances to hospitals in the central region.

The hospital's administration yesterday appealed to the public not to come to Soroka's emergency ward, because the hunger strikers cannot work at their best. The Israeli Defence Forces were also asked not to send any more emergency cases to Soroka, the major hospital in the Negev.

The IDF spokesman yesterday refused to say how the Medical Corps planned to solve the problem.

Saying that he did not wish to get involved in a labour dispute, the spokesman would not say whether patients would be taken to hospitals in central Israel or whether military doctors had been sent to the south to handle emergencies.

Prof. Shimon Glick, physician for the hunger strikers, yesterday issued instructions forbidding any surgeon who has been on the water-only fast for more than two days to perform surgery. Since anesthesiologists are expected to join the strike over the weekend, the hospital's surgery and maternity services may close.

The hunger-strikers were visited yesterday by Health Ministry director-general Prof. Baruch Modan. But they turned down his appeal, in the name of Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, to cease fasting.

The doctors yesterday continued their "best possible care plan," armed with a new set of instructions that urged the hospitalization of almost every type of case that comes into the emergency rooms. The IMA issued a detailed list of conditions, ranging from continuing headaches and fever to blood pressure over 170/105, that required admissions to hospital wards.

Hospitals throughout the country reported heavy pressure in emergency rooms and overcrowding in the wards, although most said that overcrowding had not sur-

passed that during other periods of exceptionally high occupancy rates. Most hospital directors agreed that the situation would reach a "bursting point" soon, estimating that the "best possible care" plan was adding about 3 per cent a day to their occupancy rates.

Shaare Zedek and Hadassah medical centres in Jerusalem yesterday reported that the situation was "under control," aside from some extra traffic in the emergency wards.

In Tel Aviv, occupancy at Hadassah Balfour (Rokach) reached the 110 per cent mark yesterday, but the rate is expected to decline gradually this morning as patients are discharged. Since Hadassah Balfour's emergency ward will be on duty today, the hospital is expected to "fill to overflowing by nightfall," according to Dr. David Goldray, deputy-director-general of the Tel Aviv municipal hospital system.

At Ichilov, the occupancy rate was only 95 per cent by late yesterday afternoon. Since the hospital was on duty, however, it was expected to be full up to "bursting" by early this morning. Dr. Goldray said that patients are also being discharged from Ichilov, as at Hadassah Balfour, but not at the normal rate.

Pressure was building up in Ichilov's emergency ward toward evening, but the ward was managing to cope.

David Rudge reports from Haifa: Hospitals in Haifa, Nahariya and Afula reported a steady increase in the number of patients admitted yesterday as a result of the "best possible care" tactics. But the situation had not reached the critical stage.

The greatest pressure was on internal-medicine departments, including cardiology, intensive care, neo-natology, neurology, and emergency wards. Some of them were reported to have more than 100 per cent occupancy.

The emergency ward at Haifa's Rambam Hospital was full to capacity yesterday, mainly due to a spate of traffic accidents. The X-ray department was also overloaded, but there were no reports that patients were turned away or sent to other hospitals.

Haifa's Rothschild Hospital director, Dr. Theo Golan, said the internal-medicine departments and the emergency wards were bearing the brunt of the work load, but the average occupancy rate of the hospital was about 85 per cent — only a slight increase over the normal average. He warned that the situation was likely to worsen in the next few days.

EHRICHS CONDITION

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German embassy yesterday brought a letter to the hospital from Federal German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, wishing the deputy prime minister speedy recovery. Genscher's party is affiliated to the Liberal International.

The turn for the worse in Ehrlich's condition has brought increased tension to the Liberal Party, although the warring sides have so far been careful not to bring their rivalries into the open.

The Liberal executive met briefly yesterday, as did the party faction led by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. But both groups refrained from issuing any contentious statements.

Liberal Party insiders predict that the possible absence of Ehrlich

from the political arena for a long time would result in a "fierce battle" at the head of the party — so fierce as to endanger party unity, and possibly the whole Likud group.

The party is already divided between the Moda'i faction and the other ministers, led by Tourism Minister Abraham Shari and Trade Minister Gideon Patt. Insiders predict that any attempt by Moda'i to take over the leadership role in Ehrlich's absence will raise tension within the party close to breaking point.

Details demanded on 'desaparecidos'

The Israel embassy in Buenos Aires recently rejected a document submitted to it by the Argentine military junta in connection with missing persons, Ambassador Dov Schmorak told a group of Israeli relatives of the desaparecidos yesterday in Jerusalem.

Schmorak said that the embassy demanded a detailed report on every name on the list.



Tat-Aluf Yosef Peled (left) has been promoted to the rank of Aluf (Major-General) and appointed OC Israel Defence Forces Training Branch in the IDF. Peled, born in Belgium in 1941, is an armoured corps veteran and replaces Aluf Uri Simbani, who will be appointed to another post. Tat-Aluf Avigdor Kahalani was appointed head of the IDF's Command and Staff College in place of Tat-Aluf Amram Mitznai, who is to be appointed to another senior position. Kahalani, born in Ness Ziona in 1944, won citations for bravery while an armoured corps officer in the 1967 Six Day War and in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

(IDF Spokesman)

Gov't unit starts scrutiny of law and order in the areas

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A ministerial committee headed by Defence Minister Moshe Nisim, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, and Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzan Arye Ivzyan met yesterday in Arem's Tel Aviv office to discuss what has become known as the "Karp Report."

Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp, who recently resigned as chairman of a committee that did a two-year study of law enforcement in incidents involving Jewish vigilantes in Judea and Samaria, was also present.

Zamir has postponed giving the Karp documents to the Knesset until the ministerial committee makes decisions.

A terse statement issued after the two-hour meeting said the committee will discuss "law enforcement regarding all residents of Judea and Samaria."

Explaining the reference to "all residents," sources in Jerusalem explained that "the idea is to review the entire law enforcement programme" in the territories as it involves both Arabs and Jews.

Such a step has long been urged by officials in the Justice Ministry and the police, who have said that the legal status of the territories has "handcuffed" law-enforcement agencies that operate inside the State of Israel.

Some Justice Ministry officials believe that Israel can impose its own criminal law in the territories without annexing them. The purpose would be to take enforcement of the criminal law out of the hands of a hodgepodge of agencies, often working at cross purposes.

The statement issued yesterday said that "within a week" the ministries will prepare working papers on law enforcement in the territories, and that "these position papers will... re-examine existing law enforcement procedures and... the allocation of resources."

On the issue of resources, there is scepticism at the highest levels of both the Police and the Justice Ministry that allocating more money or manpower will solve what is believed to be essentially a political problem.

Shamir slams internal critics

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that the internal quarrels in Israel, and the lethal criticism levelled against the government's policies, are creating the mistaken impression in Damascus that this country is falling apart, and that if the attacks on the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon are continued, we will withdraw unconditionally.

Speaking at a Haifa Rotary Club

meeting, Shamir said that what is happening in the country now is encouraging the Arabs — who refuse to talk with us — and weakening those ready to negotiate with us.

It was stupid to say that political criticism is forbidden in this country even on critical issues, he said, but those who appreciate democracy limit their criticisms in times of emergency. Passing those limits endangers the country and democracy itself, he said.

Erwin Rabau, senior gynecologist, dies at 84

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Prof. Erwin Rabau, one of the country's senior gynecologists, died and was buried yesterday in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. He was 84. Rabau was for many years head of the maternity ward of Haim Sheba Medical Centre, which he helped set up. He was also instrumental in establishing

Beilinson Hospital and Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

He is survived by two daughters, and a son.

The deceased was eulogized by Prof. Shlomo Mashiah, the head of the Sheba Hospital maternity ward, and by Dr. Noah Kaplinsky, a gynecologist and former colleague.

None hurt in Lebanon attack

By MENAHEM HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — There were two attempted attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon yesterday.

In the first, light-arms fire was directed at an Israeli Defence Forces patrol south of Beirut near the Shuifat neighbourhood. Fire was returned and there were no IDF casualties.

Security sources said dozens of terrorists have recently returned to Palestinian refugee camps close to the area of the incident.

At Khalde, also south of Beirut, a car bomb was discovered by an IDF

patrol. The car was blown up, sappers and there were no injuries. An IDF source said that in keeping with a new policy, all suspicious cars parked along the coast highway in the Khalde vicinity will be blown up.

A week has gone by since the Israeli soldiers were killed near the village of Dir Kanon east of Ty. The IDF is still preventing residents of the village from leaving it, yesterday the curfew was lifted.

IDF sources said that the bodies of the soldiers probably came to the village. Seventy-six residents have been arrested.

Soviets spy on IDF and U.S. ships

ABOARD THE USS TWO JIMA (AP). — A Soviet destroyer and a spy ship have moved into the coastal waters off Lebanon in recent weeks to keep an eye on U.S. Navy ships and Israeli forces.

U.S. Navy photographs obtained by the Associated Press show the ships to be the 4,500-ton Mod-Kashin class destroyer Söderzhany and the Mon-class intelligence ship Kildan.

Senior navy officers say the ships sail eight to 32 kilometres from a U.S. task force of seven ships stationed along the coast to support

the 1,200-man U.S. marine peacekeeping contingent.

"They are very interested watching us and seeing what we are doing. They want to see if there is something new coming into the area or see if we have any new procedures or equipment on board," said Captain Morgan France, 47, the commodore in charge of the task force. In an interview with the Associated Press aboard the U.S. helicopter carrier two Jima, France said he believed the Israeli forces might be the target of Soviet interest.

Soviet refusednik's appeal is rejected

NEW YORK (JTA). — Kiev refusednik Lev Elbert's appeal for release from a one-year sentence in a Soviet labour camp was denied yesterday, a spokesman of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews said.

Elbert, who wishes to go to Israel, was sentenced on May 25 by a court in Kiev for refusing to submit to a Soviet labour camp. He refused, the grounds that he would be expected to serve in a security designation position and would thus be prevented from leaving the country.

U.S. help sought for Russian Jewry

WASHINGTON (AP). — A delegation of American Jewish leaders on Wednesday called on U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to ask his help in reversing what a spokesman called a re-emergence of "anti-Semitism of the vilest kind" in the Soviet Union.

Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, told reporters after the hour-long meeting that the group associates the Soviet campaign with the excesses of "the leading Germans of a generation ago."

He said Shultz promises that the Reagan administration would do everything it could to "help turn the situation around."

Mann said the group suggested that the administration enlist the

support of allied countries in persuading the Soviet Union to moderate its policies toward Russian Jews.

Mann said the Russians, after permitting the emigration of 270,000 Jews in recent years, now have prohibited further emigration, maintaining that all of the remaining two million to three million Jews in that country wish to remain there.

"We know that there are 10,000 Soviet Jews who have applied and have been refused permission to leave," Mann said. Some 300,000 others have asked for an invitation from Israel to emigrate to the country but "have not yet had the nerve" to ask Soviet authorities for a visa to leave, he said.

Five remanded for drug trafficking

TEL AVIV. — An Australian citizen staying in Kibbutz Dvir was remanded into custody yesterday until a hearing next week on charges of smuggling heroin into Israel from India and selling part of it here.

Four other men, also remanded until next week's hearing, are charged with buying and marketing drugs, including the heroin sold by the Australian, and baking hashish into cookies.

Australian Fred Vanheeren, 25, left Dvir for India three months ago. On his return he allegedly smuggled in 70 grams of pure heroin, of which he used 30 grams and mixed the rest with glucose, to double the quantity.

REDEPLOYMENT

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date, probably at the end of July, to Begin's visit to the U.S.

Lewis reported to Begin on diplomatic efforts by the U.S. to persuade Syria to start talks with Lebanon in order to reach a withdrawal agreement.

Political sources in Jerusalem said last night it is likely that Israel will decide to redeploy the 101 before Begin's trip to Washington.

The sources said that even if such a decision is made, its implementation will take some time, as therefore the redeployment issue is likely to be one of the central issues in the Begin-Reagan talks.

Meanwhile, Israel is examining various redeployment possibilities. The cabinet is expected to discuss these alternatives.

On the seventh anniversary of the death of

Sgan-Aluf

YONATAN NETANYAHU

who fell in Operation Yonatan

A memorial service will be held at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Sunday, June 19, at 5:00 p.m.

Speaker:

Prof. Moshe Arens

Minister of Defence

Buses will leave from the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, for Mt. Herzl at 3:30 p.m.

Yoni's Friends and Family

On the thirtieth day after the passing of

REUVEN ARAZI ז"ל

there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone on Sunday, June 19, 1983:

At 4:00 p.m., unveiling of the tombstone in Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

At 5:00 p.m., memorial service at Moadon Hahavara, 10 Shalom Aleichem, corner Jabotinsky, Jerusalem.

At 3:30 p.m., transport for those wishing to attend will leave from the courtyard of the main Jewish Agency building for Har Hamenuhot.

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of Czernowitz — Haifa, will take place on Sunday, June 19, 1983 at 2:30 p.m. at the old cemetery in Haifa.

The Family

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MDs may set up full health system

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the doctor's strike is not settled soon, the Israel Medical Association will turn its alternative medical centres into a full alternative — including surgery and other hospital services — to the public health system, Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai told a meeting of the Israel Consumer Council yesterday.

Ishai said that at the outset, banks had approached the TMA to offer their help in establishing a full-scale private medical system. The association had turned down the offers because the alternative medical centres were meant to be part of their strike arsenal, not permanent health care facilities, he said.

He said that the cause of the strike is doctors' salaries, and doctors will not return to work until their pay is improved. But he said that the public health system before the strike was far from satisfactory.

and the doctors will not return to work under those conditions.

"If you wonder why the public is taking the strike so quietly, it is because people have to wait months for simple examinations even when there is no strike, so waiting a little longer does not seem like a serious problem," he said.

Ishai and members of the council complained that no representative of the Finance Ministry had come to the meeting. The Health Ministry was represented by Deputy Director-General Uriel Rifkin, who was silent most of the time and had no concrete answers to the questions put to him. These questions, he said, were for the politicians, not for a civil servant like himself.

Professor Haim Doron, director-general of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit, refused to attend the meeting because, Consumer Council chairman Dov Barzilai explained, the council is suing Clalit on behalf of the health fund's

members demanding reimbursement for money spent at alternative medical centres and private pharmacies.

Speakers from the floor told the doctors that they had lost public sympathy and are causing suffering to the population. At the end of the two-hour meeting, the council passed a resolution urging the doctors to return to work immediately, and promising to use the council's influence to get raises for "those groups of doctors who merit them."

Ishai was angry at the decision. "It is not enough to tell us to go back to work empty-handed. In two or three weeks, we will be forgotten. Our salaries will remain what they are, and so will health care. Give me what the engineers get, for a regular eight-hour work day, and the strike will end tomorrow. Another alternative is to let the Knesset Finance Committee set our salaries and forbid us to strike. Still another possibility is arbitration."



Four representatives of the Parents against Silence, a group that opposes the war in Lebanon, who met yesterday with Prime Minister Menachem Begin at the Prime Minister's Office and presented him with a mass petition (left). (Rahamim Israeli)

Zionist Executive seats still undistributed

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Zionist Executive portfolios that should have been allocated at last December's Zionist Congress remained undistributed when the meeting of the Zionist General Council ended yesterday.

The Labour members of the wall-to-wall executive were still demanding the chairmanship of a department dealing with matters abroad and refusing to take Youth Aliya, which is connected with boarding-school education in Israel. At the end of the last session yesterday, however, Executive chairman Arye Dulzin extended the deadline and said he hoped to complete the distribution of portfolios by the next executive meeting, on Sunday.

The hundreds of ZGC delegates, after three days of speeches (many of which were ignored by delegates conversing inside and outside the hall), voted to accept the principles of the "Caesarea Process." This refers to joint support of Jewish education and aliya not only by the Zionists but also by the non-Zionist fund-raisers who form the Jewish

Agency. The principles were formulated at a meeting in a Caesarea hotel three years ago.

Alterations broke out in the ZGC over the matter of settlement. The chairman of the agency's settlement department, Ra'anan Weitz, accused the Zionist Executive and the government of building settlements in Judea and Samaria at the expense of settlement in Galilee, the Jordan Rift and the Negev. Likud delegates heckled him, and Labour Zionist delegates heckled back.

Earlier, Weitz charged that the Ministerial Settlement Committee rejected a proposal to establish three settlements within the Green Line because of lack of funds. He further alleged that an inter-ministerial committee decided not to establish three lookout points in the Arava and the one in the centre of the country for the same reason. His WZO counterpart, Mattityahu Drobnick, responded that his department was doing all it could to expand Galilee settlements. He promised that Galilee would get priority in funding, in addition to settlements in Judea and Samaria.

50th anniversary of Arlosoroff murder marked

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Labour Party veterans and Tel Aviv old-timers yesterday marked the 50th anniversary of the murder of Haim Arlosoroff in a graveside ceremony in Tel Aviv's old cemetery in Rehov Trumpeldor here.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres said in his eulogy that "the terrible bullets that hit him didn't have the power to diminish the great hope he awakened."

Arlosoroff regarded the principle of equality of rights for the Arabs as the foundation stone of Jewish policy, said Peres.

Arlosoroff was murdered in June 1933 on a Tel Aviv beach by unknown assailants.

A state commission of inquiry is investigating the crime because of repeated allegations over the years that the Revisionist movement, to which the Likud bloc is the successor, was behind it.)

SCHOLARSHIPS. — Ninety-nine Haifa University undergraduates were awarded scholarships totalling \$5420,000 from the joint Moroccan Immigrants Association-University Fund.



JERUSALEM POST POLL

Likud would beat Alignment by one seat in elections

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two years after the 1981 elections, the Likud and the Alignment are back to their starting positions of near parity.

According to the latest Jerusalem Post poll, the two parties would be neck and neck, with a razor thin edge of one seat for the Likud, if elections were held now.

The gap between the Likud and the Alignment has been gradually closing, according to polls conducted from the beginning of the year. This, however, is the narrowest it has been since the elections.

The poll was conducted between June 1 and June 10 for The Jerusalem Post by the Modi'in Ezrahi Social Research Institute under the direction of Dr. Sarah Shemer. A representative sample of

1,195 persons was interviewed.

If elections had been held then, according to the poll, the Likud would have won 47 Knesset seats, and Alignment 46. In the 1981 elections, the Likud won 48 seats and the Alignment 47. Only last month, polls showed the Likud would win 54 seats to 42 for the Alignment.

However, Shemer notes that the starting position for the coalition as a whole would still be better than the opposition's, with 63 Knesset seats to 52 for the opposition.

Since last month's poll, the Likud shows a drop of seven seats and Labour a gain of four. The dramatic shift in public opinion becomes all the more apparent when one considers that only last month the Likud showed a lead of 12 seats over Labour and that in January the lead was 18 seats.

	June	May	March	Feb.	Jan.	1981 elections
Likud	47	54	58	58	57	48
Alignment	46	42	42	40	39	47
NRP	6	6	3	4	5	6
Aguda	4	5	5	4	4	4
Tami	3	3	1	3	3	3
CRM	3	1	2	3	3	2
Telava	3	2	3	3	3	3
Shinui	3	2	3	3	3	3
Telem	—	—	—	—	—	2
Others	5	4	4	4	4	4

Ex-premier Fraser hopes Aussie troops will remain

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former Australian prime minister Malcolm Fraser expressed hope in Jerusalem yesterday that the man who displaced him, Bob Hawke, will renew Australia's commitment of troops to the Sinai peace-keeping force despite opposition in Hawke's Labour Party.

"There's no question that my government would have renewed that commitment," Fraser told a press conference. "The Australians are a critical element in the force."

Although the Labour Party has called for a pullout of the 120-man Australian helicopter unit on completion of its two-year stint next year, Hawke has not committed himself. Said Fraser: "They (the Labour Party) have abandoned so many of their other positions, I'm encouraged."

Fraser is on a three-day visit to Israel, having been invited by the Israeli government when he was prime minister and again after his election defeat in March. He will visit Jordan.

The 53-year-old Australian met Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who had reacted sharply last year to Fraser's condemnation of the Israeli bombing of Beirut. Begin had said that if Fraser visited Israel he would change his mind.

But Fraser said yesterday that he would not have spoken differently last year even if he had known then what he knew now.

The perception of Israel as "a country which based its actions on morality" was what permitted Australian leaders to justify to their own people the nation's support of Israel in the international community, he said. "The signing of the agreement with Lebanon has done much to repair any damage that might have been done in outside perceptions."

Although Fraser had announced that he was quitting politics after his defeat, he indicated that he was less adamant on the subject. He will be busy with travel and business, he said, and "then the time will come for Malcolm Fraser to make some long term decisions."

Seminar on 'administered areas'

Call for Arabs to run W. Bank towns

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arabs should be reappointed to run the municipalities in the West Bank and Gaza District now administered by Israeli officers, and new (local) elections there should not be ruled out. These were among the recommendations of a former Israeli coordinator of activities in the territories, Aluf (res.) Raphael Vardi during a seminar on "The Administered Areas" at the Truman Research Institute of the Hebrew University on Wednesday.

Vardi's wide-ranging blueprint for a future Israeli administration of the Arab population in the areas was, by implication, critical of current government policy and military government practice.

He stressed that his ideas were applicable as long as there is no solution to the conflict. Even the eventual solutions envisaged by most of the Zionist parties in Israel would leave at least part of the Arab population under Israeli control, he pointed out.

As a basic guideline, Vardi stressed that any Israeli administration had to ensure "security" and "civil

calm." He urged that the military administration talk to all sections of the population whatever their views (instead of the current situation where the main contact is with the village leagues). He urged the fostering of issues where interests of the population and the administration coincide but that points of conflict be minimized.

"Basically this (Arab) population is law-abiding, even when they do not approve of the law," he noted. "The enforcement of law has to be in the hands of the authorities, all must be equal before the law and there should be a minimal use of force."



Vardi (Scoop 80)

Vardi's name is mentioned within the Defence Ministry as a possible replacement for the incumbent coordinator, Rehavya Vardi.

Prof. Dan Horowitz, of the Hebrew University, who considered the implications of the prolonged control of the West Bank for Israeli society, noted that the influx of Palestinian workers into Israel had pushed Israel's lower class up a rung in the social ladder. They now have a vested interest in the current situation, since, if the Arab workers were not available, they would find themselves in more menial occupation, Horowitz stated.

A former head of the economic branch of the Judea and Samaria military government, Dr. Ephraim Ahiram, stated that while economic growth in the West Bank and the rise in the standard of living had been dramatic during the early years of the Israeli occupation, it has not been matched by a parallel development in infrastructure.

The seminar was organized in memory of the late Tat-Aluf Yosef Lunz, a former military governor of several West Bank towns and, most recently, the head of the civil administration in the Gaza District.

Technion weighs coal vs. water, atom power

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel will need to build four coal-fired power plants of 1,100 megawatts each in the Negev during the 1990s if plans to build the Mediterranean-Dead Sea hydroelectric project and several nuclear power plants fail to materialize.

The coal-fired plants would consume an estimated 10 million tons of coal per year that would probably be shipped by rail from Ashdod. The plants would produce about 1.5m. tons of ash each year as waste products, most of which would have to be buried.

Projections about the country's power supply in the year 2000 are contained in a report on Energy Policy Alternatives for Israel prepared by the Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology at the Technion.

The report, the first comprehensive attempt to outline alternative energy scenarios for the country's future, was recently presented to a forum of Israel's top energy decision-makers.

The report states that the Electric Corporation's plan for meeting the expected demand for electricity in the 1990s is based on the assumption that the Med-Dead hydroelectric project with its 800-megawatt plant will be ready in the early 1990s, and that four nuclear power units of 950 megawatts each will be built in the late 1990s. In that event, the only coal-fired plants needed by 2000 would be the Hadera plant (1,400 megawatts), the Ashkelon plant (1,100 megawatts) scheduled to start up in the late 1980s, and a plant with two 550-megawatt units in the Negev.

The Technion report states that if no nuclear plants are built by 2000, and if the Med-Dead project is delayed or cancelled, then three more coal-burning plants of 1,100 megawatts each would have to be built in the Negev in the 1990s. The total coal-burning capacity by 2000 would then be 6,900 megawatts, which would generate more than 90 per cent of the country's electric power.

This coal-centred scenario also assumes that a 100-megawatt hydroelectric station will be built at Almagor north of the Kinneret by the end of this decade.

The cabinet decided two months ago to authorize the Energy Ministry to start planning nuclear power plants for the next decade.

Nuclear power is cheaper per kilowatt-hour than electricity generated from coal, but nuclear power plants cost twice as much to build as coal-burning installations. A nuclear plant with one 950 megawatt unit would cost about \$2 billion, whereas a coal-fired plant with two 550 megawatt units built in the country's interior would cost an estimated \$1.15b., according to Electric Corporation figures.

Ex-police officer released on bail

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A former police officer charged with taking sexual bribes from prostitutes, as well as with blackmail and assault, was freed on bail, the district court said yesterday. The prosecution had demanded that he be held until the conclusion of proceedings against him.

The accused man, Rafi Roimi, 45, of Kiryat Malachi, is alleged to have had sexual relations with prostitutes at several Tel Aviv hotels while he was responsible for running the Abu Shbir detention centre earlier this year. In return, he is alleged to have allowed the women to visit prisoners outside visiting hours and ring unexamined articles to them. "Roimi is also accused of beating a prostitute who was under arrest in Abu Kabir and who refused to have sexual relations with him, with making advances to a policewoman, and

with trying to suborn possible witnesses against him.

Judge Avraham Halima, in granting Roimi bail, ordered him to stay at his brother's house in Yeroham in the Negev and report to the police station there twice daily. The judge warned Roimi that if he violated the terms of his release, he would be arrested immediately and held until the end of his trial.

Dentists' pilot tour

Thirty-five dentists from North America, England and Sweden are here on a pilot tour that the World Zionist Organization hopes will lead to their aliya.

Tour V'aleh of the WZO organized the two-week tour for the dentists, who will visit dental health centres and meet other dentists who came on aliya recently.

200 policemen check Flem traffic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A southern district traffic campaign in Jerusalem yesterday put nearly 200 policemen on the roads as traffic wardens. Some 60 cars were ruled unfit and ordered off the roads.

The campaign, called Retzer (continuity), is part of an effort by the southern district police to "demonstrate presence on the roads and to educate the drivers and pedestrians," a police spokesman said.

The Transportation Ministry supplied a mobile unit that checked to see whether cars were roadworthy. High school pupils handed pamphlets to pedestrians suggesting that they take care when crossing streets.

U.S. Ph.D. for Kollek

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was last week awarded an honorary doctorate from Brown University in Rhode Island for his outstanding work for the city. Kollek was commended for healing "ethnic and religious wounds" and for leadership which should "serve as a model for all statesmen."

Young conductors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra today begins three days of examinations for young conductors. There are nine applicants. At the first round, each conductor has half an hour to work out an overture (either "Egmont," "Freischuetz" or "Benvenuto Cellini"). From the nine candidates four will be selected to advance into the second round. The public is invited (entrance free) to the session at the Jerusalem Theatre: Friday, 9.30-12.30, Sunday 9.30-12.30 and 16.00-19.00. The final session takes place on Monday, 9.00-14.30.

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- In the next few days, you will receive through the post an invoice for DM 35 + VAT, which you undertook to pay to the Organization for registration. This sum can be paid at any bank.
- The Organization is taking legal steps, and applying pressure in the public sector, to safeguard your rights under the Agreement signed between Israel and West Germany, in the face of the intention of the Treasury to hold up the transfer of premium payments to Germany — in contravention of the signed Agreement.
- The Organization is currently attempting to explain to the Treasury that its approach is completely incorrect:
 - because it is prejudicial to the rights of the elderly, widows and the disabled, under the German pensions agreement; and
 - because the normal operation of the scheme will result in Israel receiving an income many times greater than the sum paid in premiums.

The Organization is also considering an appeal to the Supreme Court.

- Payment of Premiums by German Bank. Representatives of the Organization in Germany are presently negotiating with a large German bank, with the idea of getting the bank to pay the

premiums for a large section of those joining the pension scheme, and the pension scheme members concerned would not have to make these payments. The arranging of guarantees and the repayment of these loans will be handled by the Organization.

- Survivors Pensions. The Organization is putting out a tender and inviting proposals from insurance companies for group insurance, for those persons who have registered and are interested in such insurance. Under the terms of this insurance, in the event of the death of a pensioner who leaves no survivors entitled to a pension under the terms of the pension agreement, the insurance company would pay the balance of the premiums to the survivors.

The Organization will soon decide to which insurance company, from among those submitting bids, to award the group insurance contract.

- The Organization will continue to keep those who have registered informed of developments. In the meantime, kindly pay the registration fee due by June 25, 1983, in accordance with the account sent to your home, in order to enable us to continue safeguarding your rights.

Sincerely,

Zvi Avrahami
Chairman,
Organization for the
Implementation of the
Social Security Agreement (Israel-West
Germany)

South African police spray 'sneeze gas' on Soweto rioters

SOWETO (AP). — Police sprayed "sneeze gas" at stone-throwing Blacks yesterday outside a church service marking the seventh anniversary of the start of South Africa's bloodiest riots, police said. There were no reports of injuries.

"I believe we have the situation under control," said police Colonel Chris Coetzee.

He said some 400 persons had been inside the Regina Mundi Roman Catholic church and some 3,000 had gathered outside. Youths

begin throwing stones as the service broke up, and police sprayed them with a peppery gas that forces victims to sneeze.

Reporters were barred from Soweto except in police buses.

A man reached by telephone at the church told the Associated Press: "We're busy with the police. The police are holding us hostage."

He said he had to go and hung up. Coetzee, who was not at the scene but monitoring police radio traffic, said he did not know if

anyone was held inside the church. Yesterday was the anniversary of the start of Black rioting in June 1976 that spread to other parts of the country and left at least 600 dead and some 11,000 wounded, nearly all of them Black.

Black leaders said the death toll was substantially higher. Thousands of Black youths fled into exile to join the African National Congress, the main guerrilla movement fighting against White rule.

This year's anniversary came

against a backdrop of heightened tension.

The ANC set off a car bomb on May 20 near air force headquarters in Pretoria killing 19 and wounding more than 200. Four days later, South African jets strafed alleged ANC targets in Mozambique.

Last Thursday, the government ignored worldwide protests and hanged three ANC members convicted in earlier attacks in which four Black policemen died. The ANC vowed to avenge the hangings.

Barbie's lawyer quits

LYON, France (AP). — The main defence lawyer for Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie announced on Wednesday that he and a Catholic priest had resigned from the case.

Attorney Alain de la Servette gave no reason why he and fellow lawyer Robert Boyer, a Jesuit priest, had decided to leave the defence team. Jacques Verges remains the only defence attorney working on the case.

"During a meeting today, Verges let me and Klaus Barbie know that he was ready to take total charge in the defence of the accused," a statement from Servette said.

Servette said Barbie had asked him to remain on the case, but that he "decided not to respond favourably to this request."

The departure of Servette and Boyer came two days after Lyon Archbishop Albert Decourtray criticized the participation of a Catholic priest in the defence of Barbie.

Barbie, 69, was expelled from Bolivia and brought to France on February 5. He has been charged with crimes against humanity and has been isolated in a Lyon prison while awaiting trial. Officials have said it will take at least a year before Barbie's case is ready for trial.

Barbie is known as the Butcher of Lyon in France for his activities as the Gestapo chief in this eastern French city during the German occupation of France during World War II. He is accused of sending thousands of French Jews to Nazi death camps and torturing and killing French resistance fighters.

Arrest of 3 men blocks sale of Australian planes to Libya

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A plan to sell seven surplus Australian C-130 military transport planes to Libya without a licence was thwarted with the arrest of three men, U.S. government agents said on Wednesday.

Arrested Tuesday night were Johannes Niemz, 36, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Martin Christiansen, 47, of Winfield, Kansas, and Peter Zamboanga, 54, of San Mateo, California, a Filipino who described himself to authorities as a microsurgeon for the U.S. government.

A complaint filed in federal court accused them of agreeing to buy seven C-130 transport planes owned by the Australian government from a broker. The planes allegedly were to be sold to Libya through use of a falsified document.

The complaint accused the three of violating the U.S. Munitions

Control Act, which requires a licence from the State Department before shipment of arms to Libya and other nations.

A fourth man, Votaire Berclies, also was named in the complaint and remains a fugitive.

Niemz, Christiansen and Zamboanga were being held on \$1 million bail.

The government contends the four men conspired to buy the seven planes, which can be used in troop transports or other military cargo missions, for \$15.5m. The price included the planes, cost of ferrying the planes to Libya and the cost of hiring flight crews.

The C-130s are American-made planes, which require licensing by the State Department, although the planes are owned by Australia. Any resale must be approved by the U.S. government.

Auschwitz remarks anger Bonn leader

BONN (AP). — The opposition Social Democrats, in a letter to Federal German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, yesterday demanded the public retraction of charges by a Conservative cabinet member that "the pacifism of the Thirties made Auschwitz possible."

Opposition leader Hans-Jochen Vogel said Family Minister Heiner Geissler's statement during a missile debate in the Bundestag on Wednesday was "wrong in content and politically unbearable."

The mass murders of Jews in Auschwitz were a sequel to Adolf

Hitler's Nazi dictatorship made possible not by "pacifism," but by numerous other factors, including the misinterpretations of reactionary and conservative circles at the time of the Weimar Republic, Vogel said.

"The statement is politically unbearable because it contributes to a dangerous falsification of history," Vogel said.

Geissler's remark came during a heated debate on the pros and cons of deploying American-made medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Owen to head UK Social Democrats

LONDON (AP). — David Owen, the former Labour government foreign secretary who helped found the Social Democratic Party in 1981, will succeed Roy Jenkins as SDP leader, the party's six members of Parliament decided Wednesday.

At their first meeting since the June 9 election, Jenkins, 62, who inspired the creation of the middle-of-the-road party, nominated Owen, 44, as his successor. It becomes official next week.

There was no opposition. If there had been, the party's 63,000

members would have been balloted. Jenkins resigned Monday, disappointed that the SDP took just six of the 650 House of Commons seats, but heartened that the SDP-Liberal Party alliance got a quarter of the popular vote, nearly rivaling the 27.6 per cent share received by the main opposition Labour party.

Owen, a medical doctor married to an American literary agent, said the SDP must cement its alliance with the Liberals to oppose the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Pope arrives in Warsaw

WARSAW. — Pope John Paul arrived here yesterday for an eight-day visit, his second trip to his homeland since becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church in 1978.

Polish bishops headed by their primate, Cardinal Jozef Glomp, and Communist officials led by head of state Henryk Jablonski welcomed the 63-year-old pontiff.

A choir burst into a hymn as the pope in white robes stepped from an Alitalia airliner. He clutched his skull cap to his head in a slight breeze, and knelt to kiss the rain-dampened tarmac.

Jablonski, in his welcoming remarks, made a pointed reference

to the government's oft-stated warning against demonstrations against the outlawing of the Solidarity free trade union.

"We desire peace for you, just as you do for mankind, not only externally, but also in our country," Jablonski said.

In his reply, the pope wasted no time in speaking out on behalf of those still in prison as a result of martial law.

"I myself am not able to visit all the sick, the imprisoned, the suffering. But I ask them to be close to me in spirit, to sustain me as they always do."

The crowd applauded at the word "imprisoned."

Mitterrand hits record low in popularity poll

PARIS (AP). — President Francois Mitterrand's popularity dropped to a record low of 32 per cent in a public opinion poll published yesterday.

The survey was conducted by the polling agency Ipsos for publication in the mass circulation daily *France-Soir*.

The Socialist president's popularity dropped three points from the 35 per cent favourable rating he was given in a survey conducted in May. The June rating was the lowest since Mitterrand's victory in 1981 ended 23 years of Conservative rule in France.

Children slain as jets bomb Salvador village

SAN JOSE GUAYABAL, El Salvador (Reuters). — Salvadorean Air Force jets bombed several homes, killing three sleeping children, while trying to retake a peasant village from leftist guerrillas yesterday, residents said.

The children, between four and eight years old, were sleeping with their families in a brick-and-mud shanty when a jet fired a missile through the tile roof and caused it to collapse, they said.

Two more children and a woman were injured in the attack.

Carlos Alberto Aguirre, an assistant to the local coroner, said air force planes were trying to knock out a nest of guerrilla machinegunners in this village, 42 kilometres northeast of San Salvador.

Instead, the jets bombed at least four houses, Aguirre said. The three children were the only known dead.

Guerrillas had taken the village in a predawn raid that killed one national guardsman and injured another. Residents said the guerrillas went from house to house commandeering food and supplies from the residents until 7 a.m., when the army arrived.

Major Luis Mario Turcios, head of the 250-member paratroop battalion sent to retake the village, said guerrillas had firebombed the home

where the children died.

Residents of the destroyed house, however, said it was an air force plane trying to hit a group of rebels across the street. They pointed to a large hole in the collapsed roof and an exit hole in a side wall as proof that the missile was fired from above.

Major Turcios said the guerrilla attack on the village could have been aimed at distracting a large-scale military pacification operation in neighbouring San Vicente province.

More than 6,000 troops, backed by tanks and 105 millimetre cannon, are involved in the operation to oust guerrillas from areas surrounding the Chichontepec volcano, a rebel stronghold that overlooks the province capital, and clear the way for civic action teams.

Officials of the U.S.-supported government are already moving into San Vicente to map out the pacification programme.

Salvadorean President Alvaro Magana left yesterday for Washington at President Reagan's invitation, to make his first official U.S. visit.

Magana is expected to meet Reagan to discuss the Salvadorean military's pacification programme and elections proposed for the end of this year.

Euro-rocket takes to space

KOUROU, French Guiana (AP). — The European Space Agency's (ESA) Ariane satellite launcher lifted off successfully yesterday from its jungle base here, in its sixth launch attempt.

Two of the five previous rocket launchings had failed, and another setback would have severely undercut Europe's chances of cracking the multi-billion-dollar telecommunications-satellite launching market.

Ariane 6 took off at 11:59 GMT and successfully placed two satellites in geostationary earth orbit 17 minutes later, ESA officials said.

The three-stage rocket launched ESA's first telecommunications satellite, the British aerospace-designed Ecs-1, and a smaller West

German unit for retransmission of short-wave radio broadcasts.

Yesterday's successful launch gave a crucial boost to the European space programme's credibility following last September's embarrassing failure of Ariane 5.

That launch ended when a third-stage fuel pump failed and the rocket, carrying \$50 million worth of satellites, crashed into the sea.

The success of Ariane 6 gives ESA the momentum it needs to carry out the four remaining "promotional" launches before turning the programme over to a private European consortium for full commercial operations. The seventh launch is scheduled for late August of this year.

2 killed, 25 hurt in Turkish terror attack

ISTANBUL (AP). — Two terrorists hurled hand grenades and sprayed automatic weapon fire at a crowded bazaar yesterday, killing two persons and wounding 25, officials said.

Police said one gunman was killed in the ensuing shootout with security guards posted in the 400-year-old market, while the second man escaped. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Identity of the dead gunman was not known.

Hospital officials said an unidentified man in his 50s and a 13-year-old artisan employed in one of the jewelry shops in the bazaar died from their gunshot wounds. Three others were listed in serious condition after surgery and 16 more required hospitalization. Six others were treated for minor wounds.

Witnesses said the two terrorists carried their weapons in a bag and threw two hand grenades at a street corner in the old section of the 4,000-shop market near the oriental coffee house, a favourite tourist attraction.

Police speculated the attack might have been carried out by Armenian terrorists or Turkish leftists to mark the 13th anniversary of worker riots in Istanbul.

The two-day riot on June 15-16 left one person dead and scores wounded when anti-riot police clashed with throngs of workers who barricaded major highways leading to Istanbul.

Turkish editor jailed

ANKARA (Reuters). — A military court has sentenced the editor-in-chief of a now banned magazine to nine years imprisonment for spreading communism and insulting Turkey's armed forces, Turkish state radio said Wednesday.

It said Irfan Asik was found guilty by Istanbul's martial law court of spreading communist propaganda and seeking to insult and humiliate the armed forces in two editorials in the magazine *Partizan*.

Sports

McEnroe doubtful

WIMBLEDON (AP). — John McEnroe, No. 2 seed in the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, nursed a painful shoulder injury on Thursday but insisted he would play next week.

"The shoulder is very sore and I don't know exactly what is wrong with it," he told newsmen. "I would like to give it a complete rest. But will not default at Wimbledon whatever happens. Wimbledon is important but even if I lost in the first round and didn't win a point, would prefer to turn up and take a chance."

Cynthia Tucker, an onlooker who has been treating McEnroe, said, "It's the old story you can't make anything heal more quickly than it wants to. John certainly has a problem, and looks like a long-standing one."

Jimmy Adams, the 15-year-old American who star, has withdrawn because he is suffering from a strained stomach muscle.

In Eastbourne, Martin Navratilova came to the challenge of Britain's Jo Durie and Martina Hingis to move into the semi-finals of the \$125,000 BMW Women's Grass Court Tennis Championships yesterday. The seed number one, the top seed here and at Wimbledon next week, won 6-2, 6-1 in 53 minutes and 11 now dropped only 10 games in four matches, her buildup for the big event starting on Monday.

Joining Navratilova in today's semi-finals are Tracy Austin, Zina Garrison and the winner of the match between Andrea Jaeger and Wally Tjebke.

Zina Garrison, playing inspired, spectacular tennis, swept into the semi-finals as she reached a convincing, 6-4, 6-2 victory over the week eight-ranked player Bettina Bunge of West Germany, by means of deft lobs and brilliant volleys.

Captain's knock

Post Sports Staff

Pakistan were in deep trouble in their match against Sri Lanka in the Prudential World Cup Cricket Tournament yesterday, with the score 43 for 5 wickets. Then captain Imran Khan and all-rounder Shahi Maqsood came together. They played on over a hundred before Shahi was dismissed for 77, after being dropped twice. Imran went on to reach 102 in the last of Pakistan's overs. Del Mel's inspired bowling brought him the remarkable figure of 5 for 39. Sri Lanka were in a good position when they reached 139 for 40 overs.

Australia completed 272 for 7 in 66 on against Zimbabwe. Graeme Wood, 81 age despite being hit in the face by a ball from W. Indrajith, bowler Michael Holding and over 100 together with a solid 73. Zimbabwe were 194 for 5 after 49 overs, with David Hughes 69 not out, giving the bowlers some rough ground.

South American final

MEXICO CITY (AP). — Argentina defeated Poland 1-0 Wednesday in a game marked by rough play to qualify for the finals of the World Soccer Championships here. Argentina will meet Brazil in Sunday's final, as Peru beat South Korea 2-1.

Baseball: Wednesday

American League
Baltimore 11, Milwaukee 8, 10 innings
Oakland 10, Toronto 1, Detroit 4, Boston
New York 8, Cleveland 5, Chicago 5, California 2, Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2, Seattle 6, Texas 4.

National League
San Francisco 7, Houston 10, Montreal 7, Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3, New York 4, 10 innings; San Diego 5, Cincinnati 1, Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 2.

Some small wolf

ASCOT (AP). — Little Wolf owned by Lt. Porchester and ridden by Willie Carson held a challenge from the Aga Khan's Khalapur in the prestigious Gold Cup over 2½ miles at Royal Ascot race meeting yesterday.

Great recovery

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Unbeaten Joe Garza was stunned by a knockdown on Wednesday night at the end of the first round in World Boxing Council Super-Bantamweight championship fight against Bobby Berna. Berna rebounded in the second round to knock Garza down three times, the final time after the ropes. The referee stopped the fight and awarded Garza a TKO.

BRISBANE (Reuters). — England beat Australia 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in an international soccer match here. The scorer was Paul Wa-

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municipality more than five years, but within three months, one more dangerous chemical installation, which produces a fungicide called Merpan, will stop operating in Beersheba and a new \$12m. plant will begin production in Ramat Hovav. The Dead Sea Bromines Company has also nearly completed their move south.

But this success story is not total because not only dangerous installations remain in Beersheba, but Ramat Hovav is part of a huge chunk of land comprising over a million dunams in the Negev that has not yet been apportioned to any municipality or regional council. Thus, the entire Ramat Hovav chemical complex does not fall

within any local authority's jurisdiction. Therefore, if anything goes wrong, nobody is really sure who must do what.

Today, the burden of treating the toxic wastes produced by industry throughout the country is on the industry itself. It must, in effect, police itself, in a sort of honour system.

During our investigations concerning toxic wastes, we also visited the Agan pesticide plant in the Ashdod industrial park. Two open acid pools gave off an acrid stench and a multicoloured overflow ran off into the wadi in the back. We were told that it was "only water." Michael Pikarsky, Agan's director, told us that unlike Makhteshim which makes insecticides, Agan manufactures only herbicides, "which by their very nature are not toxic."

(He failed to mention that one of the by-products of the production of herbicides is the notorious dioxin. Nor, since studies of the effect of herbicides and defoliants on the human population of Vietnam were published, can any serious person treat the matter of the dispersal of these materials in a cavalier manner.)

"As for the smell," Agan's director said, "this is the characteristic smell of a chemical installation, just as there is a characteristic smell in a cowshed. It is not dangerous. We are on the edge of the industrial park, so all complaints naturally are directed at us. But we are certain — and government authorities have checked this — that we have no toxic effluents. Our products are not toxic."

Be that as it may, nearby Moshav Nir Galim (100 families, 2,000 dunams) has been collecting reparations from Agan for a decade — reparations for crops destroyed by herbicides emitted by Agan. Pikarsky does not deny this fact.

Eliahu Sprei, a Nir Galim farmer who has undertaken a one-man campaign against Agan since it was set up in 1973, gave us a completely different picture. His tale is difficult to dismiss as mere fancy, even though he is obviously excited over the matter.

Sprei told us of the high rate of ruptured uteri among local cows as they give birth (and often die) to un-

TOXIC WASTES

usually large calves, of inexplicable viruses plaguing moshav members and of fruit trees that wilt each year, only to bloom again the next, but remaining only overgrown bushes.

Although Agan does not make toxic products, according to Pikarsky, it has set up a fenced-off area with a sign saying "Beware" and stores empty metal barrels there. The barely visible sign says the barrels contain remnants of dangerous materials and should not be removed. There is no guard and the gate has been pushed down. Anybody can walk or even drive in at any time.

If we, untrained and using only our five natural senses, could come up with this data, obviously it is known to the proper authorities as well. Since Makhteshim and Agan together are Israel's fourth largest exporters all around, according to the authoritative *Dun and Bradstreet* 82, the reason for such inaction becomes just as obvious.

Worldwide, it is axiomatic that the healthier the state of the economy, the more stringent is the enforcement of laws concerning the environment. When there is a recession, the agencies involved with environmental control are the first to feel the budgetary pinch.

Ecological solutions to toxic wastes — the treatment and proper storage of problematic pollutants — cost a lot of money. The more a factory has to do to treat its toxic wastes, the more it must charge for its product to cover this cost.

As we said in a previous instal-

ment, indiscriminate dumping is the most economical way to deal with the problem — from the factory's point of view.

The Nature Reserves Authority (NRA) is charged with collecting all the country's agricultural wastes (mostly pesticides.) Since the toxic waste disposal site at Ramat Hovav is still closed, the NRA's storage sheds are bursting at the seams with toxic materials. Deputy NRA director Dan Peri views the situation with alarm, and has offered the Ramat Hovav site operable again as soon as possible. "Everybody throws poisons into the nearest wadi and this endangers the whole ecosystem. It destroys plant life and causes secondary poisonings as well," Peri said. He would like the government ministries to reach "a clear decision" on the site's operations and open it again.

But the interdepartmental committee has not agreed on the reopening of the site and has no recollection of Peri's offer, either. Environmental Protection Service director Dr. Uri Maronof was blunt: "Once the site reopens, the pressure we can bring to bear upon it diminishes." Therefore, all items must be ironed out beforehand in committee. But the committee is taking its time.

Israel is a small country. If any area becomes contaminated, there is no place for us to go. Perhaps if we realized that on the ecological front one loss is total loss in terms of survival, public pressure would be brought to bear on the Treasury to allocate the necessary funds to win this battle now.



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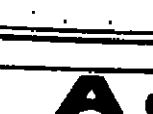
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QUESTION MARKS are beginning to hover, however tentatively, over the continuing rule of the Likud. The governing party appears to be in trouble, with internal squabbles bursting into the open and its beloved leader, Premier Menachem Begin, compounding its difficulties by his continuing aloofness and unpopularity.

The endless war in Lebanon has become increasingly unpopular, with its first anniversary marked by the 500th fatality. Mounting difficulties on the economic front, and the unsolved doctors' strike have caused the hitherto immaculate legend of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor as the Likud wonder worker to crack. This in turn has shattered his image as the unassailable Herut strong man; highlighted his near-isolation in the cabinet; and sparked off a round of speculation over a likely successor.

The Likud's slippage, in the opinion polls and its loss to Labour of its control of the universities' students' union, especially its Tel Aviv stronghold, have increased the concern within Herut especially as it regains its machine for the local elections in October.

Talking to Herut insiders one hears explanations ranging from "mid-term troubles of all elected governments" to "the need first and foremost to put our house in order." Premier Begin remains in total command of his party, a fact blazoned by his followers to contrast with the continuing challenges to the titular leadership of the Labour Opposition. He remains the Likud's main electoral asset indeed.

There are those who perceive Begin's current bout of aloofness as yet another demonstration of his wizardry in political maneuvering. For he remains unscathed by the war, which has laid low his would-be heir, Ariel Sharon, and only a minority of the electorate hold him responsible for the collapse of his government's economic policies.

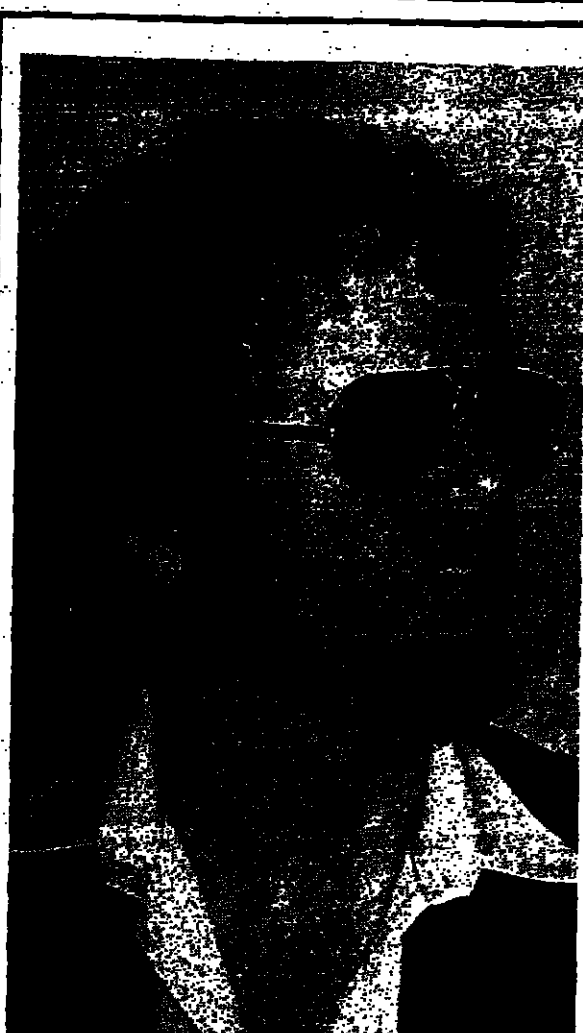
Whether he would sacrifice Aridor is at present unclear, although it is doubtful whether he would lose much sleep over the matter. The paradox of Herut has always been that its creator has never shown much forbearance or tolerance, with his followers. Begin is said to feel much more comfortable with Liberal Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich and NRP Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg, as well as Agudat Yisrael's coalition executive chairman, Avraham Shapira, than with the ministers of his own party. The father figure of the Oriental communities feels more at home with his East European contemporaries.

THE QUESTION sometimes gets the impression that Herut, and hence the Likud has evolved into an effectively organized political party despite Begin's instinctive preference for the old-time compact clique of disciples. Herut's transformation into the party of government is not only a function of the Labour Party's suicidal tendencies, but also due to the loyal body of party activists.

I went to sound out two of Herut's coming men, each associated with a party leader yet each already a force of party power in his own right. One was organizational chief and MK Michael Reiser, 37, initially identified with Deputy Premier David Levy, he is now considered also to be close to Aridor. To him is attributed in part the recent *sukha* between the two and the revival of their long-standing alliance.

The other was Herut information chief and Mifal Hapayis chairman Gideon Gadot, 42, he increasingly resembles his late uncle, Begin's lieutenant, Arye Ben-Eliezer. Gadot's start as the second generation of the inner circle of the "fighting family" has not prevented him building up a solid reputation in the information field, underpinned by his successful management of the Likud's 1981 election campaign.

A long-time supporter of Aridor, Gadot is credited with much of the successful maneuvering that helped him reach the Treasury despite Begin's pronounced coolness. His loyalty to the finance minister has already been tried by an open clash between them at a closed meeting.



Michael Reiser.

(Israel Sun)

STATE OF HERUT

Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal takes the pulse of the ruling party in conversations with some of its coming men.



Gideon Gadot.

(Israel Sun)

MICHAEL REISER does not accept the notion that the government's position is shaky, although he admits that a pile of troubles now obstruct the coalition's path. He spoke reassuringly of the government's capacity to clear its course.

Caught between appointments in a Tel Aviv café, Reiser said he had told a party gathering the previous day that "I'm only fearful of one factor — ourselves," and proceeded to elaborate:

"The government will not fall over social, economic or even political and military difficulties, but by our internal disarray. After all, when you make a balance sheet of its activities, its attainments far outweigh any of its failings. If we're fated to fall, it won't be due to the Labour Party but to our own disension. That's why I attribute such importance to recent efforts to close our ranks, and that's why I'm so pleased to encounter such high morale among the rank-and-file membership."

"I'm also delighted that our MKs have now come to realize that rallies in support of a particular minister have been more damaging to the government than helpful to their cause. They have been brought to the point where they are prepared to support the government's policies. The two meetings held last week with the ministers, headed by the prime minister, offer us the hope that henceforth our cabinet will display a proper sense of responsibility."

As to the recent spate of reports about Begin's brooding, Reiser said he had displayed firm leadership at last week's party meetings. His mood was obviously influenced by the casualties in Lebanon, "and I for one prefer a leader who is so deeply affected by each wounded or dead soldier or civilian to a general or politician who is insensitive to such losses."

In last weekend's interview, Minister without Portfolio Arif Sharon said he regarded himself as a likely successor to Begin. How was such talk taken in Herut?

Reiser, his face now almost as red as his beard, declared, "It was terrible. To talk about the succession like that in the present circumstances was simply awful. To be honest, I find it difficult to free myself of the impression that there is an intrinsic link between this and the previous question, which of course has much graver implications. I for one can say bluntly that, going on in that manner, Sharon hasn't got the slightest chance of becoming Number One in Herut and the Likud."

Why didn't the Herut ministers support Aridor in the cabinet?

An incensed Reiser: "For the same reason they didn't come to the aid of another minister who was under attack some time ago. I'm referring to David Levy. I attribute it to the lack of government culture among our front rank."

Whatever happened to the characteristic of comradeship for which Herut was reputed?

"That characteristic has come to the fore of late, but it came from below, and it's to be hoped that Herut ministers will henceforth work more in unison and be more supportive of each other."

Had the rift between Levy and Aridor really been healed?

Reiser had indeed regarded the temporary breakdown in that long-time alliance as a major aspect of the ailments besetting Herut movement. "I've always considered their partnership to be of the utmost importance to our movement. Our party has once again demonstrated its vitality and by virtue of pressure from below they have resumed their old friendship." Since the last meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee, the two had been working in harmony. Aridor had proposed co-opting Levy to the party's municipal affairs committee, which has the final say on candidates for local government elections.

TURNING TO the slippage in the polls, the Herut organizational boss held that the drop in Likud support was a cyclical feature of all democratic government, which he termed "the mid-term downward curve." There was a convergence of serious problems, which were exploited by a militant opposition. Then there were the economic problems, with thousands of families affected by the doctors' strike, the teachers' sanctions and the high rate of inflation.

Reiser advocates patience, especially as regards the withdrawal from Lebanon. "Once the boys come home the polls will improve," he said with assurance.

With regard to the students' unions, he said he took a personal interest in the Likud's losses in their elections, partly because back in 1969 he had helped to wrest the Tel Aviv University union from Labour, and it had stayed with the Likud for 14 years. He did not accept the view that the results reflected only anti-war sentiment among students, noting the winner-take-all voting system and the influence of the past executive, with the former chairman in jail on corruption charges.

A major contribution to the Likud loss had been the failure of its student supporters to vote.

On the other hand Reiser had been cheered by the elections for the works council of Israel Aviation Industries, the country's largest place of employment. A Herut candidate had been elected chairman of the works council for the first time. He was Maxim Levy, the deputy premier's younger brother, a prominent member of Herut's Histadrut faction.

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GIDEON GADOT dismissed out of hand talk of the prime minister losing his grip. Having sat with him for last week's two long sessions of the party leadership, Gadot could report that Begin was as much as in control as ever.

"It is quite obvious that he's deeply concerned about the country's position and that he grieves over the casualties up north. It's a terrible burden for him to bear. He's really one of the few outstanding leaders left anywhere. But he's hardly to be held responsible any time anyone in the government hiccups."

Discussing the problems of the Likud, the Herut information chief shows himself especially troubled by the way its capacity to govern and its credibility are hampered by the obstacles mounted by its smaller coalition partners. Thus "our capacity to deliver is judged by many according to the curious criterion of whether there will be a second TV channel or not. Yet it is the NRP's Ze'evulun Hammer who is holding this up."

The best example of the smaller factions' power to obstruct, said Gadot, was the impossibility of calling new elections because of their objections.

"In effect, your rule is a limited one. To borrow a phrase from the business world, your partners are perfectly willing to embark on risky ventures as long as it's on the account of your capital reserves and not theirs. They repeatedly do their best to maneuver the premier into a corner, exploiting his well-known sense of honour in such matters."

It was at this point that Gadot fumed over what he considered the undue emphasis placed by TV news on the 500th Lebanon casualty. He regarded that and a similar banner headline in *Yediot Aharonot* as creating a particular public mood at the height of delicate negotiations on the withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanon.

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Gadot agreed wholeheartedly, revealing that "I volunteered to drop everything and go to his aid, but for reasons of his own, he turned down my offer... I believe in the 'correctness' of his economic policies, but somehow he does not manage to communicate them to the public."

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THE BIG political news of the week is the growing isolation of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, and the crumbling away of the legend Aridor has built for himself as an omnipotent party boss.

Even the May consumer price index of "only 5.5" per cent announced on Wednesday is unlikely to stop the sharp decline in stock of Aridor's "proper economics." Many say that index or not, the International Monetary Fund's report on the Israeli economy will be the kiss of death for the minister responsible.

If Aridor's stock has been "sellers only" this week, the shares of Herut's economic "whiz kid" and Knesset Finance Committee member Yigal Cohen-Orgad is being touted by some insiders. The fact that Cohen-Orgad is firmly hitched to the rising party star of Defence Minister Moshe Arens is also considered a factor in the speculation for succession at the Treasury.

PERHAPS the most significant indication of Aridor's waning fortunes came last Friday, at a meeting of the Herut leadership forum. Despite the fact that Herut information chief Gideon Gadot and organization head Michael Reiser had jointly sought a resolution expressing the party's confidence in Aridor, Prime Minister Menachem Begin closed the session without even one word of support for the beleaguered minister.

ONE INSIDER told me that Aridor was now paying for his high-handed attitude toward his colleagues. Some party critics now accuse him of a double standard: when things are going well, it's Aridor's doing; when they're not, it's the government's fault.

Even Aridor's Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman has gone semi-public in his criticism. At a closed meeting recently, Kaufman reportedly said: "You never consult with other ministers and you don't talk to the party rank-and-file, Yoram. People feel that you prefer working with aides and bureaucrats to cooperating with colleagues on an equal basis."

At a second meeting, held at his home, Aridor is said to have been

egged on by his wife, Aviva, to lash out at supporters and accuse them of disloyalty. Among those attending were such Aridor confidants as Nahum Perl, the chairman of El Al; Aridor political liaison man Avi Steinberg; Herut information department director Menachem Dotan; party spokesman Yosef Brun; Aridor aide Limor Livnat; and Rachel Kremerman, daughter of Economics Minister Ya'acov Meridor and widow of Yosef Kremerman, the late Tel Aviv party boss.

Gadot also attended the meeting, but is said to have walked out when Aridor and his wife insulted him. Things certainly have changed in three years: Gadot once told me that Aviva Aridor had phoned to thank him for helping smooth her husband's path to the Treasury.

An increasing number of Herutniks are saying that Mrs. Aridor has great influence on her husband's appointments and policies. And many inside the shrinking Aridor circle say that the 46-year-old mother of three and teacher of social science at Yehud High School is one of the very few people with whom the finance minister can communicate.

MRS. ARIDOR takes her duties as a ministerial wife seriously. If one can judge from a report that she was the only minister or ministerial wife to show up at Rehovot Mayor Yehzekel Hamelech's reception for wounded soldiers, at which the co-host was Tel-Aviv Yosef Eldar, the army's chief education officer.

STILL, it may be too soon to write Aridor off. We have been told that the *sulha* between him and Deputy Premier David Levy was initiated by Benjamin Ze'ev Begin, the Prime Minister's 40-year-old son. It's doubtful whether that could have been done without paternal approval. And Aridor supporters can point to the fact that just this week, their man was made the first freeman of Ma'aleh Ephraim by council chairman Israel Giliad.

BUDGET BALANCING DEPT. Aridor this week asked Knesset Finance Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz to approve an IS 9.6 million budget for Minister-

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Above: Yoram Aridor (left), Aura Herzog (IPPA, Ben Zion)

without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon's staff of six at his East Jerusalem office. That compares with the IS4 million granted another minister without portfolio, Mordechai Ben-Porat, who "only" has a staff of four.

Meanwhile, there appears to be quite a lot of peering down corridors in the Sheikh Jarrah East Jerusalem government office building. Newest tenant is Defence Minister Moshe Arens, joining both Levy and Sharon in the structure. Knesset says that Arik will have his hands full, dodging both Levy and Arens in the elevator.

HOW YA GONNA keep 'em down on the farm Dept. Before he retired as chief of staff, Rafael (Rafal) Eitan kept on saying he wanted to return to his Tel Adashim moshav farm and carpentry shop. Perhaps Rafal

discovered how tough it is to make a shekel from agriculture these days, because he's been obviously neglecting the meshek while he runs all over the country to make speeches. Rafal has also spoken in London as guest of British Herut.

AD LIB DEPT. Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat usually relies on public relations man Uri Sela to write his speeches. But this week he had a chance to borrow one of the favourite phrases of New York Mayor Ed Koch, proclaiming "I can get a better job, but you can't get a better mayor," as he stormed out of a meeting with Tel Aviv Herutniks.

VISITORS to Beit Hanassi say that the presidential residence has changed since Aura Herzog moved in. Guests at the annual meeting with women diplomats, which was Mrs. Herzog's first reception in the

house since the president had it refurbished, were struck by the cool elegance of its new look. What was especially welcomed was the brevity of the speeches given by Mrs. Herzog: Mrs. Shulamit Shamir, wife of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir; and Mrs. Sallie Lewis, wife of diplomatic corps doyen (and U.S. Ambassador) Samuel Lewis.

Mrs. Herzog, I have learned, will continue to play an active role in the Council for a Beautiful Israel, which she founded some years ago. She will set aside her Beit Hanassi duties to spend one day a week at the council's Tel Aviv offices.

SPEAKING of presidents, the prompt entry of Yitzhak Navon into partisan political activity was urged this week by three well-known Labourites. In an appeal published in *Davar*, Sa'adia Geli of Kfar Blum, Dr. Abraham Wolfensohn of Haifa University and Levi Arye Sarid, disagreed with the notion that a quick Navon comeback would make him peak too early and wear out his popularity.

DEPARTMENT of Missing Persons. Some Herutniks are reported to have been unable so far to get in touch with British author Charles Rice. They've tried his homes in Cape Town, south-east England and the Greek Islands, but have not yet been able to ask him whether he is in possession of the diaries of his late father, Capt. Leonard Rice was part of the British Mandate CID team which investigated the 1933 murder of Haim Arlosoroff.

DEPARTMENT of LABOUR. Raphael Kotlowitz, head of the World Zionist Organization's Aliya Department, and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan continue to fight over who's in charge of the (non-returning) *yordim*. In the meantime, each has managed to provide employment for a *yored* of his own political persuasion.

Take the case of Ben Zion Cohen, dispatched to France as an Aliya Department shaliah some years ago. When his term was up, he stayed on in Paris to open a restaurant — until he switched to Tami. Now he's back in Israel, to take a key post in

Uzan's department.

Or consider Menachem Melitzky, 60, who emigrated to Canada more than two decades ago. Kotlowitz recently hired the former IZL fighter as director of cultural activities in absorption centres run by the Aliya Department.

ANNIVERSARY. The Rehavia Gymnasium is celebrating its 75th year this week, in a ceremony reportedly costing upwards of IS10 million. Among the alumni are former president Ephraim Katzir; Aluf (res) Amos Horev, the former president of the Technion; former deputy premier Yigal Yadin and his actor-brother, Yossi Yadin; Bank Leumi chairman Dr. Ernst Japhet; government secretary Dan Meridor; ex-generals Uzi Narkis and Rehavam (Gandhi) Ze'evi; and Jerusalem Betar footballer Danny Neumann.

SMALL SLIP. Sara Yitzchak of the Knesset Speaker's office informs me that her boss, Speaker Menachem Savidor, recently received a very appreciative letter from Irish Jewish leaders who attended a luncheon the speaker held for them and President Chaim Herzog. Seems that the letter, from community chairman Quentia Cronin, stated the wish to invite Herzog to visit Dublin, the place of his birth. But Herzog was born in Belfast, before his father, Rabbi Isaac Halevy Herzog, moved to Dublin to serve as chief Rabbi of the then unpartitioned Ireland.

NEWSMAKERS. The new nationwide set of weeklies, *Rehov Rashi*, had barely gotten out its second edition when it made headlines itself. The paper's editor, Yair Kotler, was sacked after taking the publishers to court, claiming that Finance Minister Aridor and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i were trying to apply pressure to make the publication a Likud mouthpiece. Editor-in-chief Eli Nissan, formerly of Israel TV, said Kotler was sacked because of his bad relations with other staffers. Two of the venture's main backers, Dr. Ernst Japhet of Bank Leumi and Dov Lautman of the Manufacturers Association, declined to get drawn into the controversy.

THE HEYDAY of Israel-French relations in the mid-Fifties is recalled last Wednesday for a spell during a memorial gathering for the late former French ambassador in Israel Pierre Gilbert at Cinematheque in Jerusalem organized by Les Amities (see France, in the presence of Free Ambassador Jacques Pierre Digne Gilbert, who represented France during the crucial period between 1953 and 1959 which was climaxed by the 1956 Sinai campaign, a also the first foreign envoy to master a fluent Hebrew.

Former Israel ambassador France, Walter Eytan, former force commander Dan Tulkosky and Shlomo Peres, one of the architects of the Israel-French alliance at the time, recalled Gilbert's great personal contribution during these momentous times. Apart from the newsreels of the mid and late Fifties which showed a vigorous David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir at various ceremonies with Gilbert, the late ambassador's role in near-perfect Hebrew remains the audience of his very special to Israel and the Jewish people.

QUEST ENDED. The Rev. W. Jones of Tyler, Texas, recently returned home after giving up search for the ashes of the red heifer sacrificed during Second Temple times. Tyler, who gave up the pi after spending time at the Heil University and at a Hadassah about a decade ago, now heads institute in Jewish-Christian research.

Jones said he found a reference the ashes of the red heifer in Dead Sea Scrolls, and surmised they had been kept in an urn or set and taken away by priests fleeing from the Romans. Feeling that ashes were buried with other artifacts in the Dead Sea, Jones obtained Antiquities Department permission to dig there. Heard that he obtained a nod of approval for his venture from for chief rabbi Shlomo Goren. Goren reportedly balked at Jones' suggestion that he be the one who would renew the priestly practice of using the ashes to atone himself on Yom Kippur.

A violation of love

By DAVID HARTMAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

— In the name of truth — to turn Israel into a totalitarian society which, in the long run, will create a blood-bath among brothers.

Israel is a country inhabited by people with competing ideologies. There is no consensus in our society as to what are the "right" values. There are various shades of belief in the Torah; there are various opinions about how society should be politically and economically organized. Many different groups have contributed their different dreams and aspirations to the Jewish national renaissance. It would be a tragic mistake for any one of them to imagine that it alone enshrines the values suitable for our reborn polity. It would be a terrible mistake for a religious orientation to stamp the secular community as valueless and lacking an ideology on which the Jewish society in Israel should be built.

Given the lack of conformity and consensus and variety of cultures and values in the Jewish community, we must form a living society which takes account of these basic differences. The Jewish

people in the modern world is not a monolithic society. We are united in our determination to fight off external enemies, but we are not united over how we want to live when we are not directly facing threats from without.

MODERN Jewish history has been characterized by the breakdown of tradition and the undermining of the authority of Orthodox dogma and Halacha. Many new religious and secular visions regarding the nature of Jewish communal existence have emerged since the 18th century.

In many countries of the Diaspora, Jews feel free to choose the framework which they believe best expresses how they seek to live out their Jewish life. Jews fought in those countries for freedom of conscience, for the right of human beings to build a spiritual life in accordance with their own conscience. They oppose in a very strong and articulate way any attempt at religious totalitarianism.

Jewish spiritual life in much of the Diaspora represents the triumph

of spiritual pluralism. One of the great contributions of the Jews to civilization has been the courage to maintain their own convictions and way of life irrespective of the social and political pressures of Christianity and Islam. We have borne witness in our history that political power and social pressures are not the way to build a spiritual reality. Worship of God should be an expression of man's freedom and autonomous conscience. The Jewish people's tenacity over the centuries has been a tribute to its power not to be intimidated by external pressures.

IT WOULD BE a tragic moral failure if Jews, in returning to their own homeland, were to forget the positive achievements of their Diaspora experience. Did we oppose religious coercion just because we were the disadvantaged minority, or did we oppose it because we believed that it was fundamentally immoral? Was our plea for tolerance and freedom of conscience a ruse of would-be totalitarians who exploited the consciences of others to protect their weak status? Or did it express our deep conviction that only through learning and education and freedom can one genuinely become a spiritual personality?

How we conduct ourselves in Israel is a test of moral quality that we did not face in the Diaspora. We are now in a position of power, which tempts some of us to imagine that they can ignore all the restrictions which the Diaspora exerted upon them.

Does having power in our own home give us a licence to act immorally? Does it allow any of us to ignore that we are not the only ones who returned to Zion, that others also waited a long time to come home, despite their different views about the significance of the return? What meaning does the preaching of love of Israel have, if we can only love those Jews who act and feel the way we do?

MERCAZ Harav Kook prides itself on perpetuating the teachings of Chief Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. But it was Rav Kook who said that the building of the Third Commonwealth would come only when there was unconditional love for Jews. Consequently, last week's demonstration was a violation of the love for the other to which that pioneering religious leader of the Yishuv aspired.

To call oneself a religious Zionist

means that one has made a decision to live with other Jews who disagree with oneself. The cruel and cynical act of disturbing an audience during a concert is a symptom of a dangerous misconception that must be fought by all men of conscience who seek to build a healthy democratic society in Israel. What happened last Thursday night was not merely a wild, adolescent gesture of militant students, but expressed a total misunderstanding of the nature of Israeli society.

I deeply love the Torah and hope for a spiritual renaissance of the Jewish people which will find its roots in the Torah. In choosing to live in Israel, however, I show my solidarity with other Jews whose understanding of Jewish history and the Jewish future may be radically opposed to what I cherish and love.

The method of persuasion is not by rudeness and coercion, as we argue; let us teach; let us write ways which are persuasive and compelling. But let us remember Jewish history bears witness to moral vision of Jews who believe that a spiritual identity is to be born through coercion but through freedom.

If we do not learn from our experience in the Diaspora, then homecoming can become a nightmare which will ultimately lead our destruction. I fear not our external enemies, but only those among us who imply that Israel is not place for any Jew who disagrees with them.

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ON THE NIGHT of Thursday, June 9, 2,000 mature adults went of their own free will to listen to a concert featuring Handel's *Messiah*. They were joined, however, by a handful of individuals from Mercaz Harav Kook. These yeshiva students believed that playing such music in Jerusalem was a violation of their religious principles. They therefore disturbed the concert in a way which marred the aesthetic joy that 2,000 people had been hoping for. Did the few have a right to decree what music may be listened to in the city of Jerusalem?

I shall answer that question by depicting another scene. Not a concert, but a service on Yom Kippur in the Great Synagogue. Some Marxist Jews appear who believe that religion is the opium of the people and a tool for the permanent exploitation of the oppressed. Therefore they enter the synagogue and disturb the service so that people should not be seduced into what they consider a diseased perception of reality.

Note that I do not pass judgment on the religious opinions of the yeshiva students concerned, nor do I deny their basic right to express their opinions and to seek to persuade others of their correctness. But we must distinguish between that genuine right and the spurious right to coerce people into abiding by one's own particular convictions.

Holding strong opinions is not intrinsically incompatible with tolerance of people who disagree with those opinions. Tolerance does not mean that one believes in the truth of every position. Rather, it expresses the profound conviction that one group does not have a right to impose its convictions in a way that interferes with the functioning of people who have different values.

If a group of individuals believes that it is the repository and custodian of absolute truth, let it by all means seek to propagate its views in ways that do not harm its fellow citizens and our country. But if it seeks to impose the truth on the majority of the community, it threatens

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ISRAEL CAN partially thank the deep involvement of Libya and the PLO in Central America for the latest upturn in U.S.-Israeli relations.

On several recent occasions, President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and other senior administration officials have linked the tense situation in El Salvador and other pro-American regimes in Central America to the involvement of the PLO and the Libyans.

"It's no coincidence that the same forces which are destabilizing the Middle East — the Soviet Union, Libya, the PLO — are also working hand in glove with Cuba to destabilize Central America. And I'd like to urge you to support this nation's efforts to help our friends in Central America," Reagan told the 1983 Anti-Defamation League's national convention in Washington on June 10.

The president's best friend in the Senate, Republican Paul Laxalt of

Nevada, echoed that theme when he addressed the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) three days later.

Shultz, during testimony earlier in the month on Capitol Hill, insisted that those congressmen and senators who support continued economic and military assistance to Israel should be consistent by voting for increased aid to El Salvador as well.

THE U.S. State Department has prepared a four-page document entitled *Communist, PLO and Libyan support for Nicaragua and the Salvadoran insurgents*. It was clearly designed to win support among Israel's friends in the House and Senate — as well as in the American Jewish community — for the Reagan administration's policies toward Central America.

Many of Israel's supporters, especially Democrats and Liberals, have been outspoken in their criticism of Reagan's policies in Central America, often reviving the

Reagan plays Arab card

By WOLF BLITZER

spectre of Vietnam. The administration has now taken the offensive, by underlining the Central America Middle East connection.

Thus, the document pointed out that the PLO has had "longstanding" ties with the Sandinistas, predating the Sandinista victory in 1979. While the PLO has had "little military hardware or money to offer Nicaragua," the report said, "Libya has provided significant amounts of economic assistance, arms, ammunition, aircraft and other military equipment to the Sandinistas." In

this connection, the State Department referred to the recent, well-publicized incident in which Libyan cargo planes ferrying military equipment to Nicaragua under false pretenses were intercepted by Brazil.

The PLO's involvement has been mostly political. "Within two weeks of taking power," the document said, "official Sandinista contacts with the PLO were established through a mission to Beirut led by the brother of junta member Sergio Ramirez. In mid-May 1980, just as

(the U.S.) Congress was approving a supplemental appropriation for Nicaragua, Sandinista and PLO UN representatives signed a protocol on relations."

SHORTLY AFTER the May agreement, the PLO opened an office in Managua, Nicaragua's capital, and provided advisers. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat visited Managua in July 1980 "to celebrate the first anniversary of the Sandinista victory," the document said. "Both he and Fidel Castro were honoured guests of the Sandinistas, and together travelled throughout Nicaragua. A military cooperation agreement with the PLO was reportedly signed the following month."

In El Salvador, the document said, PLO contacts with the guerrillas have been less clear, "but the PLO reportedly trained some Salvadoran guerrillas in Lebanon and also provided some arms." One of the first demands of the EPL, one of the major guerrilla groups, was "for a break in El Salvador's rela-

tions with Israel and official recognition of the PLO," the State Department said.

LIBYA'S LINKS with the Sandinista and Salvadoran guerrillas have resulted in the provision of significant amounts of arms and training, and numerous Nicaraguan leaders have visited Libya.

What was clear was that the State Department was including Libya and the PLO in virtually the same category as the communist states — which, Israeli officials recognized, was bound to have a positive impact on administration attitudes toward Israel.

The heavy involvement of radical Arabs on behalf of America's adversaries in Central America has had an impressive spillover effect on U.S.-Israel relations — to the embarrassment of some very liberal, but pro-Israel, critics of Reagan's Central American policies.

IN RECENT years, Israel has come

under intense criticism from some members of these same liberal circles for selling weapons to various Latin American regimes — many of which are not exactly democratic or enlightened.

Israeli officials have countered by pointing out that most of the sales have had the blessings of the Reagan administration, which often has been frustrated by Congress in its arms sales to these countries. Israel, therefore, could legitimately argue that it was doing America's dirty work — and making a nice profit in the process.

The Israeli government clearly has taken the position that the Latin American friends of its enemies are Israel's enemies as well. The Reagan administration is hoping that that line of thinking will come to influence Israel's friends on Capitol Hill and in the Jewish community — to the benefit of the administration's own policies.

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HAIM BAR-LEV's statement that the Labour Party would favour a "territorial compromise" on the Golan bears symbolic significance well beyond its immediate startling impact.

It was abysmally irrational. Bar-Lev's best friends had to ask themselves, "Why did he say it? What did he need it for?" He must surely realize that Israel closed the Golan question two years ago by the Knesset's legislation — which binds the Labour Party as well. He is surely aware that the incorporation of the Golan in Israel is the will of the overwhelming majority of the people. He has surely sensed the passion of the attachment to their home of the 3,000 Golan pioneers. It seems hardly possible, moreover, that he does not understand the practical absurdity of "offering" the Syrians a slice of the land when they claim that the whole of it is theirs anyhow.

A powerful, indeed overwhelming, compulsion obviously swept all rational thought from Bar-Lev's mind. It was the automatic, reflex desire not to be identified with the "intransigent," the "annexationist." Mr. Begin, but to present a "good" image, of the complaisant Israeli, so eager for the gentle pat on the back (in this case by a politician from Spain, which has still not es-

tablished diplomatic relations with Israel).

Bar-Lev's gaffe serves, however, as a timely reminder of an outstanding fact — unfortunate for all of us — in Israel's political life: the continuing, even growing, intellectual disarray in the Alignment opposition. Exploitable, and exploited, by Israel's enemies and her hot-and-cold-blowing friends, that disarray is no less a source of weakness to Israel than the sins of the government.

FOR 15 YEARS the Labour Party has pursued the will-o-the-wisp of a "territorial compromise" over Judea and Samaria. Though it never formally endorsed the Allon Plan, that plan presented its only coherent formula for the "compromise."

Yigal Allon comprehended, reasonably, that Israel must retain effective control of the whole of western Eretz Yisrael. Incorporation of Judea and Samaria would, however, involve incorporation of the Arab residents — which he thought undesirable. (Together with the Arabs within the Green Line, those in Judea and Samaria and Gaza constituted — as they still do — about one-third of the total population west of the Jordan.) He consequently proposed handing over to

The disarray in Labour

By SHMUEL KATZ

Jordan the major portion of Judea and Samaria — the area bordering on present Israel, where the vast bulk of the Arab population resides.

To eliminate the potential danger arising from this propensity to the heart of Israel's population centres, Allon laid down that the area surrendered to Jordan must be demilitarized: no Arab arms or soldiers would be permitted there. The remainder of the area, the Etzion bloc and a strip along the Jordan Valley, would be incorporated in Israel.

Accordingly, the Labour-dominated government approved the settlement of the Etzion bloc; accordingly, a series of Israeli villages flourished between the Jordan and the eastern ridge of Samaria. The demographic and security problems were thus "provided for." One small difficulty remained.

Neither Hussein nor any other Arab leader would react with anything but outright rejection. Indeed, derision, to the proposed contraption of a mutilated, second-class sovereignty for the "West Bank" province of Jordan, not only denied arms for itself but punctuated at its heart by enclaves of Israeli sovereignty armed (as they would have to be) to the teeth.

Labour Party leaders, however, did not hesitate to make the proposal to Hussein. Nor did they desist when confronted with his refusal to consider it. Hussein, of course, has never abandoned the traditional Arab demand for total Israeli withdrawal to the armistice lines of 1949 — the essential prelude to the final assault on the existence of the Jewish state.

Whatever its weaknesses, Labour's sustained attachment to

the Allon Plan did tend to demonstrate the consistency of its doctrine that Israel's security required military control of the whole of western Palestine. But since last September, when the Reagan Plan was announced, it has become doubtful whether the Labour Party is any longer so committed.

IT MUST BE said in fairness that the Reagan Plan is in keeping with Washington's unchanging concept of a "solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict: the return of Israel to the 1949 armistice lines. That concept (identical with the present phase of the Arab purpose), was codified in the Rogers plan of 1969.

Later, Begin's "peace plan" of December 1977 was tailored, under American guidance, into the Camp David format which, for Washington, represented merely a suitable five-year interim of Arab self-government, leading inexorably to ultimate Arab sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

As neither Jordan nor the Arab residents were prepared to negotiate on the basis of Camp David, the Reagan administration, assuming the moment to be propitious for coaxing Hussein and bearing down on Israel, came out in the late summer of 1982 with a slightly refurbished Rogers Plan. The Reagan Plan once again

proposed, with little camouflage, the handing over of Judea and Samaria (and Gaza) to Jordan: while providing for autonomy status for the Arabs west of the river. It predicated the cancellation of Israeli sovereignty over East Jerusalem (whose fate would have to be "negotiated"). To illustrate the spirit in which the plan was composed, its authors slipped in the idea of "exchange of territory." This meant that if Israel were to be "granted" a few hundred square metres of territory beyond the 1949 armistice lines, it would have to pay for them with territory from within those lines. Even Rogers was not so niggardly.

THE LEADER of the Labour opposition, Shimon Peres, gave the plan broad approval. He said on ABC Television: "We found in the President's position a rather very close approach to our own."

This could mean that Labour had abandoned the idea of a territorial compromise (including the Allon Plan), and that it was "very close" to accepting the handing over of the whole of the West Bank to Jordan.

Alternatively, it could mean that at that moment — in September 1982 — with relations between Washington and the Begin government very strained, indeed — Mr.

Peres was so eager to project the Labour Party both to the American public and to the Israeli electorate as the accepted friend of the United States that he did not study thoroughly enough what was actually said in the Reagan Plan.

Now, in June 1983, there is no excuse for misunderstanding by Mr. Peres. In Washington's fevered pursuit, after September 1982, of Hussein's agreement to negotiate (and, indeed, of Arafat's acquiescence) it was made quite clear time and again (in the hearing of the whole world) that he was being offered all of Judea and Samaria, to be preceded by Israel's freezing of settlements, and that Washington continued to regard East Jerusalem as occupied Arab — that is Jordanian — territory.

THERE IS NO certainty that Washington will be able in the near future to put together a new diplomatic act for the re-floating of the Reagan Plan; but if it does, the public in Israel is entitled to know what the Labour opposition's policy will be.

Knowing now for certain what the plan portends, will it continue to give it its benevolent nod? Or will it make it plain that it will resist to the end any idea of Israel's return to the 1949 armistice lines or their neighbourhood?

AS THE NUMBER of casualties in Lebanon continues to rise, Israel's military and political leaders are asked with increasing frequency whether this country is involved in a war of attrition.

Unsurprisingly, they say no, explaining that a "war of attrition" is really a small war between states and armies. To support their answer, they cite the cases of the 1956 War of Attrition between Israel and Egypt, and the post-1973 battle on the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria. Such battles, which often involved large-scale armies and air clashes, are very different from the daily events which have become familiar in Lebanon. In fact, Israel is involved not in a war of attrition, but in a classic guerrilla war. The attacks on the Israeli Defence Forces in Lebanon are carried out by irregulars who are essentially indistinguishable from the rest of the inhabitants. Instead of tanks and planes, the

weapons of choice are exploding cars, two or three-person ambushes, mines and RPGs. The threat is invisible, and despite the searches announced by the IDF spokesman following every incident, the attacks are usually undetected, and escape is virtually certain.

THE DIFFERENCES between this guerrilla war and the previous wars in which Israel has been involved are of central importance. The primary difference concerns deterrence.

Deterrence consists of the threat and the ability to hurt the enemy, causing him to think twice before attacking. In 1970, the IDF was able to strike back at the Egyptians with force, escalating when necessary to hit points deep within the Egyptian heartland. Continued Egyptian attacks were eventually deterred as Nasser realized that each attack exposed his country to more danger and destruction.

Eventually, the price became too

Guerrilla war lessons

By GERALD STEINBERG

high and the Americans were able to engineer a cease-fire.

In a guerrilla war, the power to deter is essentially absent. The guerrillas who carry out the hit-and-run raids are decentralized and are often unidentified. Since they have no centre, and no population or territory to defend, they cannot be threatened.

In the past, Arab terrorists could, to some extent, be deterred by threats to strike at their centres and sponsors, whether they were in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria or Egypt. There is strong evidence that Israeli retaliatory attacks were successful deterrents.

In the case of Lebanon, however,

there is nobody to hit and no opportunity to deter the attackers. During the war, the PLO lost its principal command centres and its "state within a state." The refugee camps which once served both as bases and as hostages for Israel are now under Israeli and UN protection. Bombing these in retaliation would serve no useful purpose.

While the Syrians apparently permit and encourage these guerrilla attacks, the only way to control this element would risk the very costly war with Syria (and potential Soviet involvement), which the Begin government has been carefully trying to avoid.

Under these conditions, threats

against Syria are not very credible, and the Syrians would probably dismiss them out of hand.

FURTHERMORE, even without Syrian assistance, the guerrillas in Lebanon find themselves in an ideal environment from which to continue to attack the IDF on a small, but damaging, scale. Among the Druse and various other groups, they find sympathy and support.

Following Chairman Mao's dictum for fighting a guerrilla war, they are able to "swim like a fish in the sea." They are able to blend in with the indigenous population, and in many cases, they are the indigenous population.

Without essentially relocating and shifting a large population in Lebanon, there is little the IDF can do.

During over a decade in Vietnam, the U.S. tried to move entire villages, to plant informers and to "win the hearts and minds of the

people" in order to remove the guerrilla's support system. This effort failed, and the Soviets are having no more success in Afghanistan.

In such an environment, an army finds itself spending most of its energy simply defending itself, and Operations are restricted to such self-defence efforts. Eventually, additional troops must be brought in to defend the isolated supply lines and outposts. Then, these reinforcements themselves become targets for guerrilla action.

The conventional defending force (the British in Palestine, the U.S. in Vietnam, the Soviets in Afghanistan, Israel in Beirut) must sit in specified positions, holding territory, and the guerrillas need only attack and fade back into the surroundings.

The guerrillas conquer slowly, waiting until the toll is so high that the occupying power must leave.

IN LEBANON, the toll is growing daily. As wars continue over months, anxiety increases. With each stretch of reserve duty, the tension and trauma increases as the possibilities that a part-time soldier might not return become greater.

So far, the government has not adequately justified this continued strain on national morale.

None of this is lost on Israel's enemies. From their perspectives, it is perhaps the most effective form of warfare against the Jewish state. For Israel, it would seem that some form of withdrawal would be militarily and politically preferable to the current situation.

Ultimately, the strength of the nation lies in its domestic political coherence, and the continuous, steady deaths in Lebanon further weaken an already fragile system.

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THE CASE of District Court Judge Dov Eitan raises the general question of the immunity of the bench to disciplinary sanctions. The judge now in the news has more than once been the cause of complaints voiced in the corridors of the District Court and law offices in Jerusalem about rough treatment of counsel and parties. Yet no disciplinary action was ever taken against him until his last two public declarations, one made in court and the other in a public petition.

The inflammatory comments against a public authority attributed to Judge Eitan, and his signature to a political and highly controversial petition, triggered an outcry against his conduct which seems to have set in motion a disciplinary action against him.

We suggest that the minister of justice should neither yield to the public pressure, nor to the loud dissent of Eitan's fellow judges, and refrain from prosecuting him for lack of disciplinary powers of the

Judicial immunity

By S.S. ASSAF

Court of Discipline, unless the evidence clearly suggests that he should be removed.

Judge Eitan is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Discipline. The Court of Discipline, according to the Law of Judges, 5713-1953 consists of five members including three judges of the Supreme Court; its president is the president of the Supreme Court or his permanent deputy or the most senior of the other judges of the Supreme Court. The minister of justice is empowered by the Law of Judges to submit a complaint against Judge Eitan on the ground that he behaved in a manner unbecoming his status as a judge in Israel.

According to the Law of Judges, the Court of Discipline, after listening to the prosecuting attorney and the evidence of the prosecution and to Judge Eitan and the evidence of

the defence, would deliberate and then submit its findings to the minister of justice. These findings might be favourable to the judge or unfavourable.

LET US ASSUME, without prejudice to Judge Eitan, that the Court of Discipline's findings are unfavourable to him. Neither the court nor the minister of justice can take any disciplinary action against him, for the Law of Judges gives them no powers to do so. All they can do is to find that he is unsuitable to continue in his position. He may then be removed from office, but not by the court or the minister: the only person who can apply that sanction is the President of the state.

If the Court of Discipline does not find the judge unworthy of continuing in his office, that is the end of the matter. There is no other

sanction, mild or harsh, private or public. As the law stands, a judge cannot be disciplined, only removed.

The awareness of the Israeli public, the judiciary, the ministry of justice and the legislature of the shortcomings in the powers of the Court of Discipline should be a leverage for a change in the law.

A disciplinary complaint against Judge Eitan is a risk the minister of justice should not take. It could end in a fiasco.

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Mekor Baruch youths in bid to stem 'extremist invasion'

By MICHAEL EILAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter



A tense meeting of 'secular' residents this week. (Amir Gavrieli)

YOUNG PEOPLE in the streets of the Mekor Baruch neighbourhood are talking in strategic terms about a city-wide battle against the ultra-Orthodox whom they fear are going to close the city down on Saturdays.

The young people describe themselves as the remnant of a once-flourishing 'secular' neighbourhood which has been gradually taken over by the ultra-Orthodox. Many of them don't like to be called secular.

Pointing to the many kippot worn by supporters of Tzelem, a new movement they have formed, they say: "Call us non-ultra-Orthodox."

Once they (the ultra-Orthodox) get hold of the petrol station at the entrance to town (on the main road to Tel Aviv) the battle is lost. We need a security belt to guard the petrol station and Jaffa Road," says Pedro Chertkoff, one of the leaders of Tzelem, a Hebrew acronym for Youth of Mekor Baruch.

Tzelem is a small movement, though they seem to have impressive backing among the roughly 600 'secular' residents of Mekor Baruch. They feel they cannot handle the 'ultra-Orthodox threat' on their own and are now planning to get together with secular residents of five other Jerusalem neighbourhoods that are being 'engulfed' by the ultra-Orthodox community.

According to Tzelem, the ultra-Orthodox are buying up the neighbourhood and harassing its secular residents.

The fast-growing ultra-Orthodox communities are all under severe pressure for housing space, and

seem to be able to offer what one Mekor Baruch resident called "good money" for flats in the neighbourhood.

Asked one woman: "Why not move to Gilo where they can get a good mortgage, good quality of life and none of the problems we have here?"

Much of the harassment which Tzelem claims its supporters have suffered involves housing. Several residents of the neighbourhood, Tzelem alleges, have received threatening notes saying: "Sell your house and move out within a month, or else." Others complain of ultra-Orthodox attempts to close off the roads on Saturdays.

On Wednesday last week there was a riot in the neighbourhood because of a party for a young man

before his enlistment into the army. By Tuesday this week the atmosphere was so tense that the city, police and community centre decided to stop Tzelem holding a public meeting in the centre.

Members of the Belz Hasidic community studying near their rabbi's home in Mekor Baruch deny that they or any other members of the ultra-Orthodox communities in the area have anything to do with violence or harassment.

One yeshiva student, who identified himself only as Aharon, blamed Tzelem supporters for throwing a tear-gas canister at his rabbi's home on Monday night. Denying that his community had anything to do with inciting violence, Aharon conceded that tension is so high that "it has

become a war, and in a war you have casualties."

The municipality has strongly condemned the attack on the Belzer rabbi, even though police have not determined whether the tear gas canister was thrown by secular rowdies or members of a rival Hasidic community.

Tzelem chairman Eitan Budkov says his group will not resort to violence, and if attacked will seek police protection. If the police do not supply the protection Tzelem feels it needs, however, Budkov says the group will use "defensive measures."

Tzelem's aims extend far beyond the protection of the 'secular' residents of Mekor Baruch, says Budkov, and he and his supporters say they need a great deal of help from the municipality to enable them to maintain their foothold in the neighbourhood.

Three schools have closed down in the neighbourhood in the last 10 years as more secular residents have moved out, and Tzelem claims City Hall plans to close the last secular primary school, Katznelson, next year.

Young married couples from Mekor Baruch have a housing problem if they want to stay in their neighbourhood, and Tzelem wants the municipality to give them licences to build more flats on top of the existing houses.

City Hall spokesman Rafi Davara denied there were plans to close Katznelson next year and said the municipality is fighting to keep the school open even though it is already too small and registration is steadily dropping. He said the



An elderly Mekor Baruch woman talks to Tzelem leader Eitan Budkov during a crisis this week. (Amir Gavrieli)

municipality is doing its best to grant the most favourable building licences possible under the guidelines of the city's master plan.

Davara said City Hall's first priority is to keep the peace in the neighbourhood. The municipality, he said, would do its best to ensure that lawbreakers from both sides are punished. And he assured the secular residents that the municipality would do its best to give them adequate protection. At the same time, he stressed that yeshiva students have also been the target of attacks and provocation from "secular hooligans."

The tension in Mekor Baruch, says Davara, is part of a larger problem of an expanding ultra-Orthodox community in the north of the city, and a shrinking and ag-

ing secular population in the city centre. Between 700 and 800 ultra-Orthodox young couples need new homes every year, and even though City Hall has tried to arrange alternative housing on the city outskirts, there is no way of avoiding pressure and contention.

The city, he said, closes sidestreets on Saturdays only when there is an overwhelming majority of ultra-Orthodox residents in the street. The municipality knows that both sides in Mekor Baruch feel that City Hall is favouring the other — "and that's proof of our impartiality," said Davara.

Chertkoff and other members of the Tzelem leadership believe that within a few years the ultra-Orthodox will be able, if they wish, to close down Jaffa Road and the

exit to Tel Aviv on Saturdays. They are now planning to expand their activities into other mixed secular-Orthodox neighbourhoods along Jaffa Road.

They want massive police protection for community activities and are considering joining the Civil Guard in order to get a secular presence on the streets at night.

As more secular residents move out of the neighbourhood, Tzelem and its supporters feel increasingly vulnerable. With the formation of the new movement they apparently hope to relieve an inadequacy that they feel in all their dealings with the ultra-Orthodox.

"They have their deep beliefs and we're just nothings as far as they are concerned," said one Tzelem leader.

THE LONG ARM of the doctors' strike has reached even into the Hadassah Hilton — the sparkling year-old private wing in the Sharetz building in Ein Karem. Fewer operations mean fewer patients, and occupancy rates have dropped off from a high of 85 per cent in the months immediately preceding the strike to just 50 per cent this week.

"We have a maximum capacity of 24 beds, but for the running-in period we've actually been using only 12 beds on a regular basis. And of those 12 beds, only six are occupied right now," says Dr. Zvi Stern, deputy director of Hadassah.

Hospitals throughout the country have been operating since March with only 30 per cent of their regular medical staff, and all surgery that is not classified as "urgent and life-saving" must be approved by the Israel Medical Association's national surgical committee.

Hadassah is no exception to this rule. Although the hospital, like other Jerusalem hospitals, runs an extensive private medical service, no agreement has been reached among its senior doctors on performing surgery on a private basis during the strike. (After finalizing arrangements with private hospitals in Tel Aviv and Haifa, the IMA said that surgery on a private basis will be available in those cities by the end of this week.)

'Hadassah Hilton' hit by strike

By MARGERY GREENFELD/Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHILE THE STRIKE has significantly disrupted the projected occupancy rate in the new private wing, nurses, doctors and patients alike have nothing but praise for the quality of medical care, combined with the high level of aesthetics, efficiency and cleanliness.

Patients who "check in" to the Erna D. and Henry J. Leir Private Pavilion can expect the following: privacy and quiet either in a private room or a room shared with a maximum of one other person; a bedside telephone (for which he pays only for calls registered on the meter); a television (for which he must pay a small rental fee); private toilet and showers (in most of the rooms); a comfortable chair, a coffee table, and a closet in which to hang clothes.

Patients can also arrange for relatives to stay overnight in their rooms and eat with them (for a small fee), an advantage for out-

towners or tourists from abroad.

How much does all of this cost? For Israelis, whose medical insurance funds cover the standard rate of IS\$500 per day (\$120), the additional out-of-pocket payment is \$30 a day for a bed in a double room, and \$40 a day for a private bed. Foreign tourists are charged \$200 a day for hospitalization costs, and this is covered in almost all cases by the patient's medical insurance. These fees are all-inclusive (except for the TV and the telephone charges noted above), meaning that the patient does not have to pay for medicine, equipment or extra treatments.

What the patient does have to pay for is the doctor. Patients are admitted to the private wing only if they are being treated by a physician on a private basis. Prices for surgical procedures are standardized, ranging from \$500 for relatively simple procedures like cataract removals,

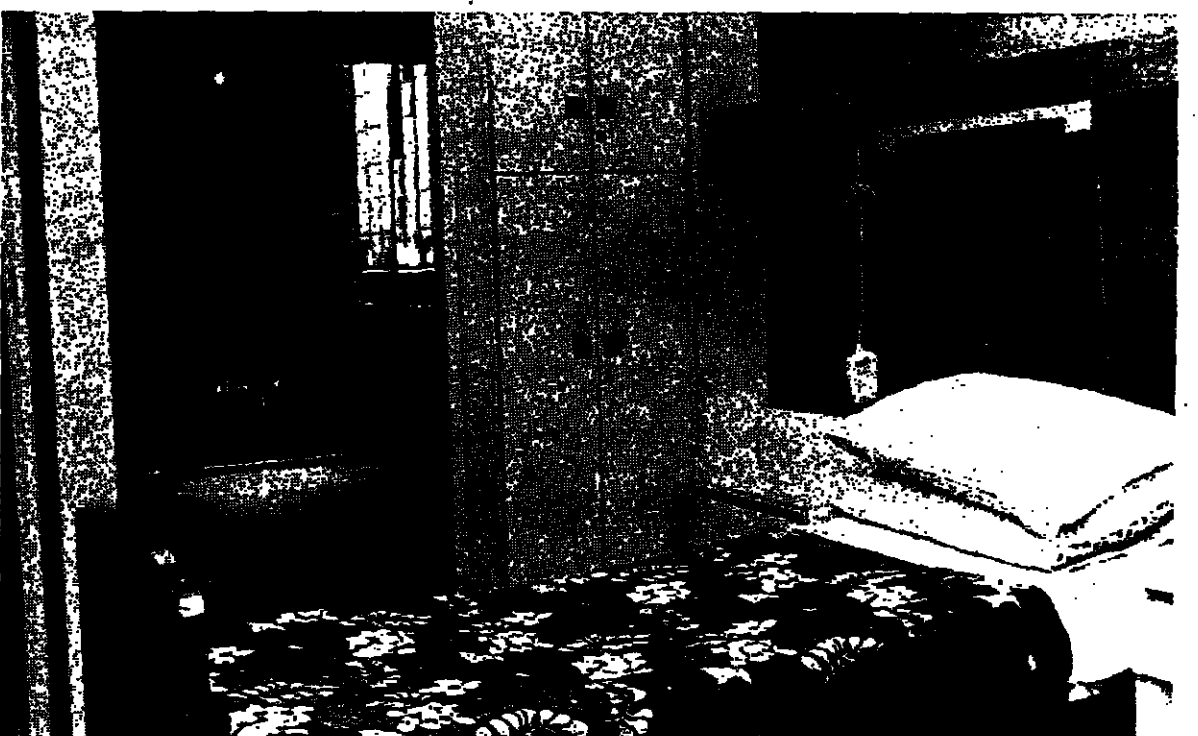
to \$4,000 for complicated heart surgery.

This is a one-time fee that includes the pre-operative check-up, the surgery itself and any "spare parts" like pacemakers or hip replacements that may be needed, and follow-up visits by the doctor while the patient is hospitalized. Fees for treating internal medicine, oncology and other patients not requiring surgery are based on a percentage of the hospitalization costs.

WHAT KIND of patients come to the private wing? So far, 75 per cent of the patients have been Israelis, including a large percentage from areas outside Jerusalem. Of the foreign tourists who make up the remaining 25 per cent, about 5 per cent of them came especially to Hadassah for a particular procedure, says Stern.

Ruth Israeli, head of Hadassah's nursing services, notes that in addition to the aesthetic attractions and considerations of creature comforts, patients like the fact that they can choose the date of their surgery (except, of course, in urgent cases) and choose their doctors.

"It's simply more pleasant and convenient," she says. "We've had several patients here who were businessmen or in public life, and once they were feeling better, they



A view of a private ward at Hadassah Hospital. (A. Hazan)

simply brought in their secretaries and worked from their hospital beds."

Patients also enjoy the highest standard of nursing care. Nursing staff is carefully selected and supervised, and a special arrangement by

which most nurses work under contract with an outside nursing agency ensures an adequate supply.

Gertrude Schreiber, who lives in Jerusalem seven months of the year and spends the winter in Miami, has been hospitalized in the private

wing for the past six weeks.

"I've been in other hospitals," she says, "but nowhere have I found doctors and nurses who were so gentle and so humane. I think it's because here they treat a patient, and not just a medical file."

Fresh hope for troubled city kids

By GREER FAY CASHMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

AN AMBITIOUS \$6 million project to give physically, psychologically and emotionally disadvantaged children a new chance in life, is now in an advanced stage of construction. It is called the Jerusalem Variety Centre for Child and Family Developmental Habilitation.

The centre will provide as normal as possible an educational and social environment for handicapped children, with the aim of transferring them to a normal school framework. To ease the integration process, a nursery school for children without physical or mental

problems will be incorporated into the building complex, so that children with malformations and malfunctions can be placed in a normal setting as soon as diagnostics give them the green light.

Overlooking Ben Zvi Boulevard, the Knesset, the Israel Museum and the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, the Jerusalem Variety Centre occupies a 6,000 sq.m. site. The land, valued at \$1m.,

was allocated by the Jerusalem Municipality. Children of all faiths will be treated at the centre, free of charge, by leading childcare specialists under the direction and supervision of Prof. Alex Russell, who heads the department of pediatrics and child care of the

Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre.

In a study conducted by the planners of the Centre, it was learned that an average of 10,000 children are born annually in Jerusalem. Of these, 100 are born with serious physical malformations; 90 with

heart malformations; 20 are mongoloid; 15 totally or partially blind; 4 totally deaf and 770 with other minor or major handicaps that are discovered within the first six months of the infant's life.

PROGRAMMES at the centre will be designed for evaluation and

diagnosis; treatment and family guidance; rehabilitation; training and education and research. The latter will cover a wide scope of psychological, physical and social problems affecting children such as emotional disturbances, autism, mental retardation, neurological, metabolic, endocrine and cardiac malfunctions, genetic problems, deprivation, neglect and child abuse.

The centre will maintain close links with a network of 32 family care clinics throughout Jerusalem and thus will be able to provide diagnostic screening for almost all the children in the capital. Early detection is an important factor in many physical or mental disabilities.

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COMMENTING ON the capital's lack of a decent sports stadium, a *Jerusalem Post* editorial on June 7 called the situation a "disgrace to the city" and a "national scandal." Which indeed it is.

Everybody in Jerusalem with even a minimum appreciation of the need for a reasonable site for major sports events, knows that neither the university stadium nor the former Hapoel soccer field in Katamon can possibly fill the bill.

They do not have — and cannot have — sufficient parking space, and even if millions of shekels are invested in them, they could not be brought up to the standard of a national stadium.

Moreover, most Katamon residents oppose a stadium in their neighborhood, and the Hebrew University authorities understandably do not want their field turned into a national sports arena.

Meanwhile, conditions at the YMCA field are abominable. There is virtually no parking space and the stands are uncomfortable and inadequate for the large crowds of spectators. The fences are unsafe, the walls are ugly, and fists fly every Saturday of the playing season as spectators and ushers clash at the inadequate entrance gates.

And when, after shouting and shoving, spectators do reach their numbered seats, they often find them already occupied.

The ushers' inability to prevent objects from being thrown onto the field — stones, bottles and sometimes even smoke grenades and rolls of toilet paper — heightens the tension in the crowd long before the opening whistle is blown.

I HAVE personally taken part in dozens of international competitions in many parts of the world, including three Olympics (Paris 1924, Amsterdam 1928 and New Delhi 1934), and I do not recall any stadium that was situated in the centre of a town. All were well outside the cities, with easy access and enormous parking facilities.

In Amsterdam, it took us about half an hour by bus to reach the Olympic stadium from our hotel in town. It was about the same distance from town to the Bois de Boulogne, where the 1924 Olympic Games were held. The Berlin Stadium in those days was in the Grunewald forest, off the city's periphery. The Olympic stadium at

Out-of-town stadium

By WALTER FRANKL/Special to The Jerusalem Post

New Delhi was more than half an hour's drive from the metropolis' centre. And the Vienna stadium, able to hold 100,000 spectators, was built in the late Twenties in the Krieau Woods about 45 minutes by tram from the town centre.

I could go on and on with examples that would add weight to the argument that a stadium has no business being erected within the boundaries of a city.

IN 1929, at the world congress of the Maccabi movement in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, Joseph Yekutieli stood up and said: "There will be a Jewish Olympiad." The sceptical asked, "Do you have a stadium?" Yekutieli, a man of great vision and zeal, replied: "There will be a stadium!"

Two years later, I was summoned to Berlin, where Maccabi then had its world headquarters.

"You have to go to Tel Aviv immediately and assist in building the necessary sports facilities for the first Maccabiah Games," I was told.

I reached Tel Aviv in late December, 1931. Yehoshua Aluf, a physical culture teacher on leave from the Hebrew Gymnasium in Jerusalem, was in charge of Maccabiah preparations. He took me to the site on his motorcycle.

I didn't see anything as we pushed through endless dunes of soft sand. There were no streets or even paths then in northern Tel Aviv, but the city fathers had made a wise decision in earmarking a place far from Tel Aviv's centre as the site of the Maccabiah stadium.

"Here we are," said Yehoshua Aluf. Carpenters had put up wooden benches around a bare sand surface, and camels were bringing red soil for the football ground. Later, the mayor of Tel Aviv, Meir Dizengoff, arrived on horseback and said to me: "Don't worry, Mr. Frankl, the stadium will be ready

and on Passover we shall enjoy the first Maccabiah Games here together."

And so it was. The games took place at the fixed date in April, 1932. There was a football ground, much better than the dismal field at the YMCA today. There was a running track with four lanes, and with eight lanes for the 100-metre dash. The track was packed with cinder from the Palestinian Railways. Its lap measured 400 metres, in keeping with official international track regulations, not like the shabby track at the Jerusalem YMCA, which is only about 300 metres around.

There were facilities meeting international standards for long and high jumps, for pole vaulting, as well as for shot-put, hammer, discus and javelin throwing. There were comfortable dressing rooms for hundreds of athletes, rooms for judges and staffs, benches for several thousand spectators and a grandstand with seating for several hundred spectators. There were also special VIP boxes, and facilities for the press and photographers. There were ample toilet facilities, showers, storerooms, and there was a bandstand area and a first-aid station.

That was more than half a century ago. That stadium has since been the site of many games and competitions, of fair play and sportsmanship, of unforgettable spectacle and joy.

COMING BACK now to stadium projects for our capital, I have what may be a somewhat "revolutionary" solution: I propose that our national stadium be built on the amphitheatre-like slopes near Ma'aleh Adumim.

Some may object that Ma'aleh

Adumim is not within the "Green Line," but then neither is the Shuafat site Teddy Kollek had singled out but which was abandoned, preparatory earthworks and all, after ultra-Orthodox elements expressed vigorous opposition to the plan.

Others may object that the site is outside Jerusalem. To them, I reply that just as Ein Kerem was incorporated into the official boundaries of the city after the War of Independence in 1948, so, too, the proposed Ma'aleh Adumim site can be included within the city limits.

It may further be objected that the place is too far away. But on the new road linking Mount Scopus with Ma'aleh Adumim, which is in its final stage of construction, it will take only about 10 minutes to reach the site by car or bus from Jerusalem. What is more, the drive would not be through areas populated by Arabs or by religious Jews.

A national stadium built among the natural terraces near Ma'aleh Adumim would have ample possibilities for parking. In addition to its easy accessibility from Jerusalem, it could also be reached by the Alon road from the coastal plains, by the Jericho road from both the Galilee and the south, as well as along the old Jerusalem-Jericho road from East Jerusalem.

Full-scale national and international games could be arranged at such a facility, bringing large numbers of participants and spectators from Israel and abroad to the city. That would bolster the capital's tourism industries and services.

With planted lanes and public parks, perhaps even with an Olympic-type village, such a development would be a boon for all inhabitants of Jerusalem, Jews and Arabs alike, a peaceful undertaking for generations to come.

I appeal to Teddy Kollek, to the Jerusalem municipality and to all Israeli authorities connected with the stadium issue:

Let's say, like the late Joseph Yekutieli, Yehoshua Aluf and Meir Dizengoff said on the bare dunes of north Tel Aviv in 1931:

"There will be a stadium. The games will take place!"



The street without a name in Abu Tor...no house numbers or mail deliveries.

Street with no name

TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHS/Mike Goldberg

DESPITE THE rubble and crumbling retaining walls, it is a charming street. Located to the west of Ein Rogel in the neighbourhood of Abu Tor, there is a magnificent view of Silwan to the south and the Dome of the Rock at the street's north end. But if you're thinking of looking for the street, beware: the street has no name.

I counted 28 entrances to homes without numbers or mailboxes. And because the street has no name the place does not exist as far as the Jerusalem postal authorities are concerned, and none of the residents receive mail.

The population of the street is predominantly Moslem — some have lived there for 40 years or more — and there are also two Christian and two Jewish families, as well as several UN officials.

One man who has worked for the

water department since pre-state days "lost" his kitchen and bathroom when a retaining wall broke away during the winter of 1968 and the two rooms slid down the hill. He claims that Mayor Teddy Kollek promised to help him repair it 14 years ago.

Living conditions are particularly difficult during winter when the entire street is transformed into a sea of mud. But for all the winter mud and summer dust, residents take considerable pride in their street: women can be seen sweeping steps and front yards early in the morning, while many of the homes boast lovely gardens.

According to the street's veteran residents, it did once have a name — "Kubanih" — in pre-'67 days. According to Maurice Zilkhar, advisor to Mayor Kollek, there are plans to pave the road and reinforce

some of the retaining walls. Residents, he says, want to be able to drive cars on the road, but this poses several major problems. Because the road is so narrow, there is no place for cars to turn around. Moreover making the road fit for cars would require major works, including the levelling of the hill and the removal of the current access steps to the road. It would also be necessary for the city to acquire some private land for the project.

Zilkhar believes that many of the inhabitants would like their road to be called "Zuaiter," after the prominent family of the local mukhtar. All they need do is put their request in writing, to him at the mayor's office and the street will have an identity, he says. Then numbers can be assigned to each house and mail delivered.



View over Silwan and the Old City from the street without a name.

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By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TELEPHONE is no longer regarded by the government as a luxury item that must be allotted parsimoniously among only a portion of the population which want one. Rather, the Communications Ministry has discovered that after a phone is installed, its use brings a lot of money into the public coffers.

But government recognition of the public right to "telephones for all" doesn't mean that there aren't hundreds of applicants in the Jerusalem area who have been waiting for a phone for five or six years.

Shlomo Pardess, for 22 years the director of the Jerusalem and Southern District of the telephone services, says that everything is being done to supply all applicants with a telephone.

"We regard everyone as 100 percent. A person who is told that he can't have a phone yet but that we filled a very large percentage of requests is not satisfied by our record. He wants a phone, too."

Pardess' office, located in the City Tower at the top of Rehov Ben-Yehuda, receives all applications and determines whether the technical equipment — lines, phone exchanges and switching systems — are there to meet the request. He and his staff are in charge of the largest phone district — by geographical size — in the country, but the smallest by the number of phones operating within its area.

In addition to the city of Jerusalem, the district includes Judea and parts of Samaria, as well as the Ashkelon, Beersheba and Eilat dialling zones.

According to Aharon Sagor, section manager in charge of applications, there are 115,000 phone lines — residential, governmental and commercial — in the city proper.

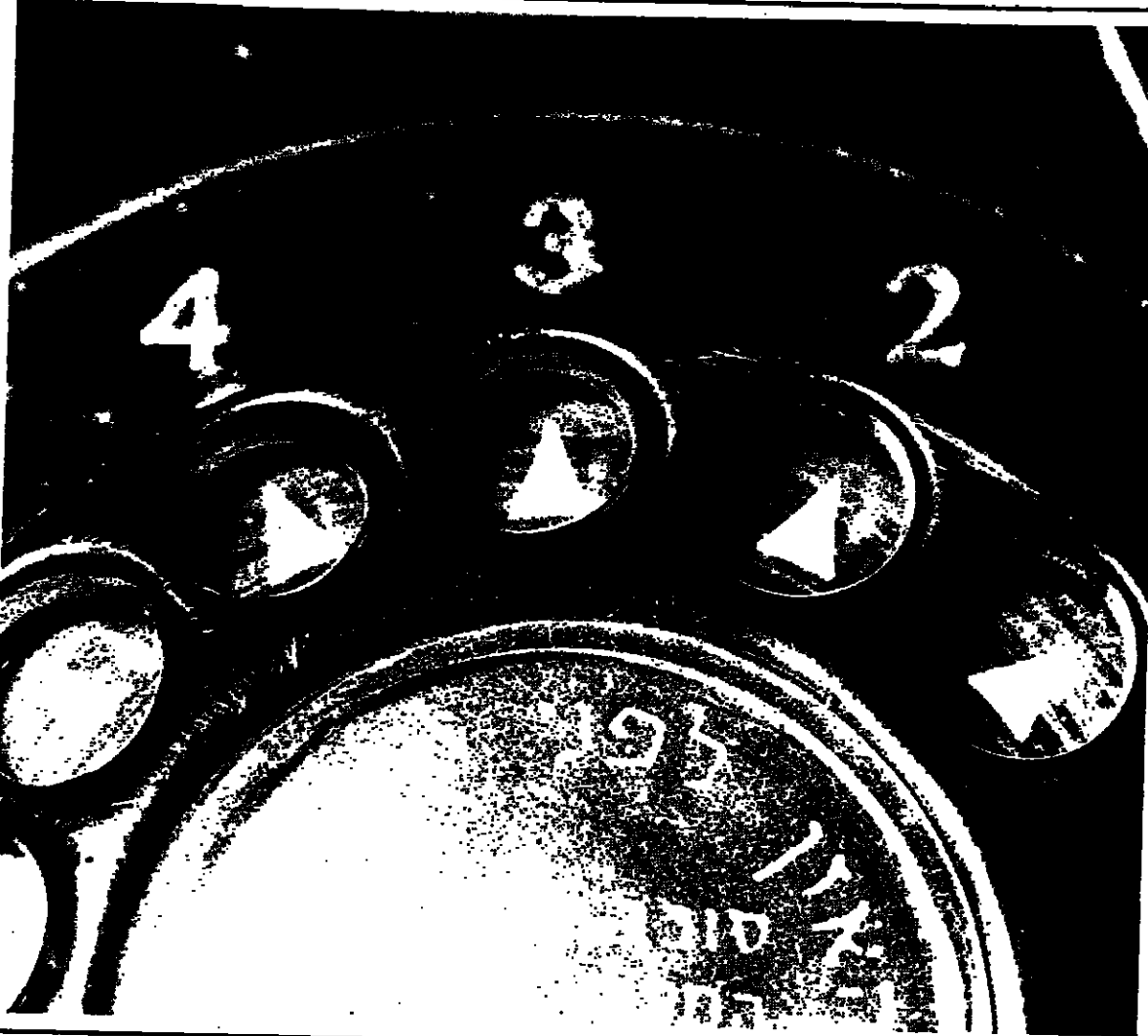
BECAUSE A PHONE can determine whether an elderly or sickly person can reach help in emergencies, or whether a businessman remains in business, pressures on the office are often great. Pardess says that his employees, whom he praises for being hard-working and patient, are sometimes subjected to insults. There was even one case of violence in a telephone office in Beersheba involving a resident who demanded a phone.

But Pardess and Sagor agree that in all their years in the ministry, a bribe has never been offered in order to speed up the application process.

Pardess says that there are currently 7,000 unfilled requests for phones in Jerusalem. In addition, there are 2,500 applications for transfers of phones by Jerusalemites who have a line but are moving to another apartment or business.

Transfer applications "have priority, because they are already clients of ours," explains Pardess. The district office intends to hook up 8,200 new lines this year, but since new applications are always coming in, there will still be a gap between requests and installations by the end of the year.

The ministry will soon publish a 1983/84 edition of the pamphlet that came out over a year ago in 1981/82 describing "Development of the Telephone System in Jerusalem and the South."



Soon to be available at telephone services offices, the booklet contains a series of neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood maps and which quarters will receive priority in phone installation. Pardess says that the last booklet reduced the number of arguments in phone service offices, and that some Jerusalemites plan where they will move according to whether a phone will be immediately available or not.

THE CITY of Jerusalem is responsible for twice as many phone-line requests as the rest of the district, he says. But Jerusalem, even though it is the capital, does not have higher priority than other areas in the installation of phones.

Nor, he says, do installations in Judea and Samaria come at the expense of those waiting for phones in the rest of the district.

The Communications Ministry is now completing the installation of automatic telephone exchanges throughout the territories, including in Nablus and in other large Arab population centres. The automatic exchanges, unlike mechanical exchanges, are much quicker and more efficient in operation.

The new quarters of Jerusalem — Neve Ya'acov, East Talpote, Ramot Alon and Gilo — are the areas where most installations are being carried out. Because the developers are "starting from scratch," they

are able to bury phone lines underground rather than string them on poles, which are less attractive and, in the long run, more expensive to maintain.

Neveh Ya'acov has a new telephone exchange; Ramot Alon has a mobile exchange; Gilo will soon see the opening of a new exchange; and East Talpote is at present hooked into the phone exchange of old Talpote. Until the new exchange is opened in Gilo, phone lines in the quarter are being temporarily linked up to Talpote, too.

Sagor, a native of Iraq who joined the army, says that "there is no big wait" for phones in the new neighbourhoods. With some exceptions, he says, most of the delays are due to the contractors who fail to prepare the infrastructure for internal phone lines to the apartment blocks in time. Then, adds Pardess, there are the cases of the customers who fail to receive the mailed announcements that they pay for their phone installation, or those whose address on file is incorrect.

The ministry, realizing that phones can be a gold mine (it earned a net profit of \$110 million from incoming overseas calls around the country last year), has even started promoting the sale and installation of phones in various neighbourhoods.

It has put up notices in community and commercial centres inviting new residents to apply for a phone. The transfer of computerized data in the future will also earn the ministry handsome profits.

But it is still a long time before one can order a phone one day and get it the next — as in New York and many other cities in the West.

Early missionaries in Jerusalem

By LEAH ABRAMOWITZ / Special to The Jerusalem Post

PITY THE Jewish population of 19th century Jerusalem. Not only did it suffer severely from poverty, poor housing, pestilence, and the blatant discrimination of Turkish officials but so-called "humanitarian" European authorities — the all-powerful consuls actively interfered in efforts to convert Jews to Christianity. We have records of at least two such instances.

James Finn served as the second English consular representative in Jerusalem, from 1845 to 1862. Finn actually regarded himself as something of a champion of the Jews. In the 17 years he lived in the Holy Land, he often protected Jewish litigants. He rode out to Hebron to prevent uprisings against the Jewish population, and he "adopted" all stateless Jews who had no government to protect their interest.

In the spring of 1849, a young watchmaker, Mendel Diness, applied to Finn for assistance. As the consul wrote in a dispatch to his superiors at the Foreign Office, Diness' wife and child were being kept from him "because Diness was disposed to embrace the Christian religion."

Finn sent his dragoman with young Diness to Hebron to find his wife, only to discover "she had been conveyed to Jerusalem through a night of severe frost by the kawass (constable or courier) of Rabbi Yeshayahu Bardaki," probably at the behest of her despairing parents.

Rabbi Bardaki was an unusual personality in the Jewish Quarter at that time. A renowned scholar and

leader of the Ashkenazi community, he also served as the first acting vice-consul for the Russian government in Jerusalem. Since Mrs. Diness' parents were Russian, he explained, he had sent the young wife and infant to Jaffa at their request. They were planning to continue on to Beirut, where they would seek the protection of the Russian consul.

Finn was upset. To prevent the young woman's eventual "escape" to Russia, he suggested that Diness apply for British protection, even though he was actually of Austrian origin. This gave Finn the authority to have Mrs. Diness and her baby stopped and "secured" by the British consul at Jaffa.

Such were the powers of the foreign consuls in the 19th century. Her husband then rode off to Jaffa and brought Mrs. Diness back to Jerusalem.

In the Holy City, the controversial couple were put up at the home of an English woman. Diness feared his in-laws would harm him or endeavor to take his wife away. The English woman's house became the centre of a spontaneous demonstration by the entire Ashkenazi community who protested the interference in a private, religious matter.

The Jews also filed appeals with all the other European authorities in the city, and sent letters to influential Jews like Sir Moses Montefiore. The rabbis proclaimed Diness' marriage null and void since he kept his watchmaking shop open on the Sabbath. They further ruled that his wife should be released immediately or at least be enabled to reside in a separate residence in accordance with talmudic law.

Finn made mockery of the rabbinical decision invalidating the marriage. He took no regard of their claim that only Protestant visitors had been allowed to visit Mrs. Diness, and refused the rabbis'

request that two Jewish witnesses interview her to ascertain her attitude towards her husband.

An even larger and noisier protest broke out soon after in front of the house where Diness and his wife were kept. Violence erupted; an English kawass was beaten and other kawasses were brought in.

Finn asked the Russian, Prussian and Austrian consuls to "remove their tumultuous subjects from the streets." He also demanded that the chief rabbis interfere to stop the riot. The English consul then convened a board of inquiry including himself, his vice-consul, the Austrian acting consul and two rabbis to interview Mrs. Diness and get her "to declare her mind as to remaining with her husband."

Mrs. Diness (who probably wasn't more than 15 or 16 years old) appeared in front of the honourable body with her baby in arms. She was questioned carefully and in a low, tremulous voice, "declared her preference to reside with her parents. She hesitated when informed that the infant child belonged to his father, according to the English law to which he had now subjected himself.

"However, when she learned that she might retain the child for his nursing for some time yet, she took up the child and together with her father, her husband and the rabbinical witnesses, accompanied the three consular authorities to the

Austrian Consulate where a deed of separation was drawn up and read and explained several times...before signature."

Finn suffered from the mass outpouring of protest which flooded the English Foreign Office over the next few months. He denied acting over-zealously in this case, or using his consular influence to convert Jews, explaining to his superiors that he was an excellent terms with Jews of all types in Palestine.

Finn wrote, in his defence, that the complaints against him must have come from "persons...ignorant of English character, (who) know nothing of Europeans...These persons speak but few words of any language but corrupt Hebrew."

"What we want here," he continues, "is not the yielding to temporary clamour and calling that impartiality, but real freedom of religious conviction (of which the rabbis have not the slightest idea)." He used Rabbi Yeshayahu Bardaki as an example of one who administered rabbinical laws of the Talmud and the Shulham Aruch, "the malice and cruelty of which enactments, especially those directed against Christianity, are well known to the learned."

Despite the agreement, the bill of separation and the pressure, it seems that six months later Diness had still not divorced his wife. He claimed, according to the English report, that his wife actually wanted to live with him, but only the fear of her father's violence made her take the rabbis' stand. One report has it that she did return to Diness, but this cannot be proven.

The second case of consular interference involved the American representative, Victor Beauboucher, who was relatively new and inexperienced when the

following case came to his attention.

In 1865, a Jerusalem resident, Mordechai Alex Steinberg, converted, together with his wife and three children — Devora, Jacob and Sara — apparently because of his dire financial state.

Some time later, Steinberg's wife died and he repented and renounced his Christianity. Their oldest daughter, Devora, remained a Christian and married a Polish apostate, Golupsoff, but Jacob and Sara returned to Judaism with their father just before he died of typhus. The two children fell sick too and were hospitalized in Rothschild Hospital. Devora visited them frequently and tried to influence them to return to Christianity. Sara complained to the doctor and he had the older sister removed.

Jacob died in hospital, but Sara — then 13 years old — recovered and was taken home by the elderly Rabbi Arie Marcus, who claimed her father had charged him with her guardianship before he died. However, Devora Golupsoff insisted that her sister be given to her and enlisted the American consul's assistance since she was apparently under American protection.

Rabbi Marcus was protected by Prussian jurisdiction. There was still no Prussian consul in Jerusalem, but Daoud el-Kardi — the acting Prussian representative — was asked by Beauboucher to arrest the rabbi for illegally holding the girl. Kardi refused since he didn't want unnecessary trouble with the growing Jewish population. So Beauboucher himself descended on the Jewish Quarter to rescue the child.

It was Friday afternoon. All the Jews were busy preparing for Shabbat, including the members of Rabbi Marcus' household. The consul,

accompanied by his kawass, demanded that Rabbi Marcus give up the girl. The rabbi refused.

Beauboucher ordered his man to search the house. When the girl couldn't be found, the consul demanded that Rabbi Marcus accompany him to the Pasha, the leading local Turkish official.

Rabbi Marcus refused, claiming he was a Prussian national. Also it was erev Shabbat, and he had to go to synagogue. A scuffle ensued; Rabbi Marcus was hit and dragged to the Pasha's home.

Beauboucher summoned the Prussian acting authority and, for good measure, the Austrian and Spanish consuls. However, at the Pasha's office, nothing very decisive occurred. The rabbi was released. But Beauboucher telegraphed the Prussian consul-general in Beirut, who, without really understanding the details of the case, instructed Daoud el-Kardi to arrest Rabbi Marcus. He was thus interned in a small room in the consulate for 24 days.

The Jews of Jerusalem were in turmoil. They organized protest meetings and went on the warpath against the American consul, who until then had been quite popular. They had seen their rabbi beaten, insulted and jailed. They couldn't rest until justice was done.

Letters and telegrams were sent throughout the world, newspaper articles were written, a board of inquiry was set up and representation was made both to the State Department in Washington and to the Prussian Diet.

The story got garbled so that "the unfortunate Beauboucher was accused of trying not only to convert

young Sara Steinberg, but to elope with her."

At that time an official Prussian consul, Dr. Julius Peterman, was appointed. When he heard the story, he immediately released Rabbi Marcus. He also interviewed Sara and established her determination to remain a Jewess. The girl was sent to her uncle in Alexandria. (The missionary version had it that Sara was whisked away from her Christian sister and married off to an old Alexandrian Jew; this was the tale the American consul also believed.)

Victor Beauboucher found himself overwhelmed by investigations and condemnations. He vigorously protested his innocence, and proclaimed his right to interfere. Like Finn, he blamed the whole affair on the fanaticism of the rabbis.

Finn, according to the author of *British Interest in Palestine*, "ruined his career and came to the verge of bankruptcy in the attempt to win the Jews of Jerusalem over to Christianity." Beauboucher, too, got into so much trouble that he asked to be transferred for health reasons. His request was granted.

The two tales indicate that missionary activities among the Jews were generally ineffectual. However, a few isolated efforts did succeed.

According to one estimate mentioned by Finn himself, some 32 Jewish adults and 27 Jewish children joined the Protestant community. Many among them, as we have seen, did so for material gain only, and continued to live as practising Jews despite their official baptism.

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By CHARLES HOFFMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

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When breast cancer is diagnosed, mastectomy does not have to be the only answer. Today, the less radical operation of lumpectomy can also be effective. D'vora Ben Shaul talks to Shirley Benjamin, who underwent the operation in Israel.

Keeping abreast



Shirley Benjamin and husband Hershel.

(Karen Benzin)

SHIRLEY BENJAMIN is always talking about her operation. Not that she is a hypochondriac, or is obsessed by any morbid need to dwell on her medical history.

Shirley Benjamin wants every woman she meets to know two things: that breast cancer is not automatically the end of the road for a woman, and that if discovered early, one doesn't necessarily have to lose a breast.

Benjamin herself didn't know these things 15 months ago when she first discovered a frightening little lump in her breast during a routine self-examination.

In fact, she hadn't been examining herself as routinely as her physician mother had taught her. A busy pair of farmers, American-born, Shirley, 57, and her husband, Hershel, had been much too occupied with their avocado plantation in Karkur for her to give it much thought. It was only when she was enjoying the luxury of a long bath one evening that she felt the lump.

This was not the first time Benjamin had had a lump in one of her breasts. A few years earlier, the same thing had happened and it had been proven to be a harmless, benign cyst. But she was annoyed at the interruption of her work and, like all women, was somewhat worried.

Benjamin knew, from having grown up in the home of a surgeon, that if the lump was malignant, then she would have to have a mastectomy. And having a mastectomy is the hidden fear of many women.

Within a couple of days, Benjamin had made an appointment and seen the specialist at Hadassah in Ein Kerem who had removed the previous lump. The specialist decided not to do a surgical biopsy, but a procedure called a "needle biopsy," where a bit of tissue and fluid is sucked out of the lump with a hypodermic needle.

Two days later Benjamin learned that she was one of the one-out-of-every-12 women who develop cancer of the breast: the lump was malignant.

It was on her second visit — the day after she got the bad news — that Benjamin also got the shock of her life. The doctor told her that there was a new trend in treatment of breast cancer while still at an early stage of development, and that she was willing to treat Benjamin without doing a mastectomy.

Benjamin sat in amazement as the cancer expert explained that research showed that since cancer cells do not spread directly through surrounding tissues, but travel via the lymphatic system, in many cases a "lumpectomy" — the removal of the lump alone — will get rid of the primary lesion. Then, she added, one removes the lymph nodes under the arm and the patient undergoes radiation and chemotherapy just the same as if she had a mastectomy.

The woman specialist who treated Benjamin, however, did not press her to accept the new conservative surgery. Instead, she sent her for a visit to another surgeon who is opposed to the new treatment. He told Benjamin that he would have to remove the nipple of her breast in any case, and that in that case one might as well take the whole breast off.

None of his reasons for opposing the lumpectomy technique, however, convinced her. The statistics she had seen in the previous doctor's office were too clear: there simply is no substantial difference, in early breast cancer, in the number of successful cures, whether the patient loses a breast or not. In the end Benjamin opted for removal of the lump — and to her surprise found that, in the end, even the nipple was not removed.

At that time there were only two hospitals in Israel doing conservative breast surgery; the technique was very new here. Only two years before, Ophira Navon, wife of the former president, had gone abroad for the same technique since it was unavailable in Israel.

In a speech a year later, Navon caused a furore by saying to a group of doctors at a cancer convention that, "if it were a matter of removal

of testicles, it would be taken more seriously."

Once the breast lump had been excised and the lymph nodes removed, Benjamin realized that the really debilitating factor is the

removal of the lymph nodes and the intensive chemotherapy.

Although she had been spared the trauma of losing her breast, she was undergoing the same stresses that all cancer patients experience —

the fatigue, the swelling in the nodeless arm, the handicapped feeling of an arm that doesn't work well, the bouts of nausea, the loss of her hair, the puffy face and changed personality that come with

chemotherapy... and the ever-present question, "Is it really gone?"

But despite her physical state, Benjamin became deeply concerned over the fact that most women knew no more about breast cancer treatment than she herself had known. She found that while four hospitals had adopted the conservative technique, most hospitals still saw total mastectomy as routine procedure in all cases of breast cancer.

She even found that at the two Hadassah hospitals, things were handled in entirely different manners. In Ein Kerem, many women were getting treatment by lumpectomy; in the Mt. Scopus facility they lost a breast — even when the cases were identical.

Benjamin realized, too, that the fear of mastectomy deters many women from routine self-examination and causes them to wait too long for treatment. She felt that if more women knew that their case might be early enough to treat conservatively, then they would try to get help sooner.

Although she had heard that the Israel Cancer Society has a social service that calls on patients under treatment for cancer, Benjamin had not been visited, so she decided to call on them. At the national office in Tel Aviv she learned that she had not been visited because she hadn't had a mastectomy, and therefore didn't need advice about prosthetic bras. She found that no supportive back-up care is provided to deal with other "side-effects" such as the simple need for encouragement.

When Benjamin asked why the Cancer Society doesn't publish information to educate women about the possibilities of the new techniques, she was told that the society "could not interfere in a medical matter." Demanding that making the latest information available to women was not the same as making medical recommendations, and that surely women had the right to decide for themselves, a senior staff member of the society told her that American women are

used to making decisions like this, Israeli women aren't and they don't want the responsibility.

It was then that Benjamin started to talk about her operation. She talked about it to every woman or group of women she encountered. She nudged her doctor with pleas to make this information public. And she talked to journalists. Over and over, she stressed that there is life after breast cancer, and that if you discover it early, you probably won't need a mastectomy.

Things have changed in the past 15 months. Sparkling with her customary vitality, Benjamin, now out of treatment, her glossy hair well grown back, is happy to note that there are already 12 hospitals in Israel that do lumpectomies, and new ones are being added all the time.

"I think a woman has a right to make her own decisions in such a matter," she says. "Why shouldn't a woman ask for a second opinion before submitting to a mutilating operation?"

Asked if she feels that a part of the reason for the slow acceptance of the new technique in Israel might be that most of the surgeons are men, she admits that this may be, after all, she points out, it is a woman specialist who pioneered the new approach here in Israel.

For Shirley Benjamin, interest in the matter hasn't ended with her treatment. She intends to continue doing all she can to remove the veils of secrecy and horror that surround the word "cancer."

"You can't imagine," she said, "the moment people heard I had cancer, they stopped coming by. They were afraid, as if they couldn't possibly know what to say to someone they're sure will soon be dead. This is what we need to educate people about — that you can survive even with the Big C."

Benjamin feels that she passed the acid test of her own cure last week.

"See," she smiled, "I took an electric saw and cut up all that wood for our fireplace next winter."

Queen of consumerism

Diana Lerner talks to 92-year-old Irma Pollak, who introduced consumerism in Israel.

A LOT HAS happened between Irma Pollak's activities in the mid-50s, and the appearance of "Kolbete" on television.

Pollak is the woman who revolutionized consumerism in Israel and founded the first consumer protection organization in the Middle East.

At the astonishing age of 92, Pollak is as spry and clear-headed as ever and, until recently, took active part in the affairs of the Israel Consumers Council. She has now retired to Kibbutz Neot Mordechai in the Galilee.

Pollak is pleased with the exposure the "Kolbete" programme has given to vital consumer-related matters but says, "We've still got a way to go." While she continues to shake her head at the consumer abuses going on and writes occasional letters to the responsible bodies, Pollak says her active battle days are over.



Irma Pollak

Danny Pe'er invited her to appear on his television programme but that, too, she tells us, is not for her.

Pollak brought the idea of a consumer protection agency from her

native Czechoslovakia, where she says as far back as 1920, laboratories tested every product before it was put on the market.

When she immigrated to Palestine in 1940, after a career in Zionist Congresses and WIZO activities — where she had her great moments, too — Pollak decided to establish an independent consumer organization here, not affiliated with any political party or trade union.

"IT WAS HARD to get housewives to agree to having food products inspected. They were afraid to offend their grocer — he might look upon it as spying," she recalls.

Pollak's fight for sanitary handling of bread, refrigeration of milk and dairy products, investigation into the quality of textile products going abroad, and changing gas installations is now legend.

WIZO provided Pollak with a great deal of help in setting up a consumer office in their building in 1954.

We met Pollak at the Tel Aviv beach, swinging a large bag filled with the weekend newspapers, looking as chipper as ever.

How does she manage to stay so fit?

"Luck," she smiles. "I never took a vitamin in my life. I exercise in bed every single morning to the Kol Yisrael exercise programme, before I get up. I eat lots of fruits and vegetables, very little meat, drink plenty of water. I get up at 5.30 in the morning, rest a bit in the afternoon, and try not to think of unpleasant things before retiring. And, she adds, "I work."

Since retiring to Neot Mordechai, Pollak has been keeping busy as an archivist in the kibbutz library.

"The work entails reading several newspapers daily to know what is going on," she says. Pollak adds that she is also at work on her memoirs.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.



Israelis seek "compensations" in food, says nutritionist Dalia Nir.

Diet do's and don'ts

IT TOOK her more than 10 years to get herself to practise what she preached in her articles and books on dieting, but today Dalia Nir weighs 40 kilos less than she once did.

A registered nurse and the chief nutritionist for Weight Watchers, Nir is the author of the best-selling *Harbel Dieta* ("A Lot of Diet") and a book recently published by Reshet-Dvir called *Mahar Athil Lir-zot* ("Tomorrow I'll Begin Dieting").

Nir's newest book is aimed at those people who — because of lack of time, embarrassment, or a desire to "do-it-themselves" — do not make it to Weight Watcher's meetings.

Combining certain foods for weight reduction, eating a main dish on a seven-inch instead of a nine-inch plate, maintaining the same eating schedule each day — these and other suggestions offered in Weight Watchers' manuals are included in the book. In it Nir also presents diets for different people: for the prospective bride and her mother, for fathers, teenagers, office workers, people over 40, etc. She gives hints on short cuts and crash diets, and on losing weight before parties and after holidays.

To anyone who is only about five kilos overweight (a normally accepted amount for Israelis), and finds dieting nerve-wracking, Nir says, "Stop beating yourself and enjoy!"

To others, she herself may serve as a role model of someone who was in the same boat, and "made it."

Frustration from staying at home with housework, babies and diapers made Nir herself over-eat and become extremely overweight, she recalls.

Sipping bouillon during a gourmet lunch at a five-star hotel not long ago, now-slim Nir showed much sympathy for her fellow sufferers, and modestly about her own achievements. Meanwhile, she seemed content to eat one teaspoonful of ice cream while others ate bowls of it.

In Israel, especially where so many people are Holocaust survivors or have experienced *tsenna* (austerity) days and wars, she says, it is no wonder that people seek "compensations."

Eating is more characteristic of Jews than is drinking, according to Nir. And after all, she says, "we are Mediterranean types and not Swedes." But the worst thing you can do to a fat person is to tell him or her to go on a diet — it will only create more stress.

Nor should you suggest to anyone what foods to cut down on, she says, as most people are totally aware of what they should or should not eat. But perhaps the most important advice that Nir can give to weight-conscious people, which she also includes in her new book, is the old German "FDH" — *fress die Hälfte*, or, "Eat half."

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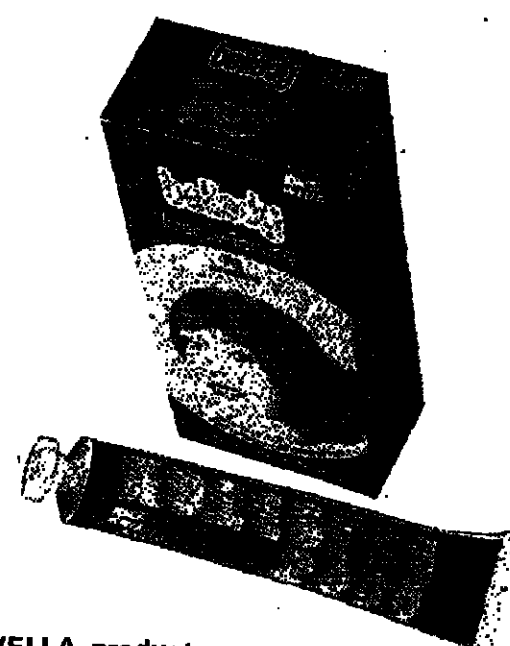
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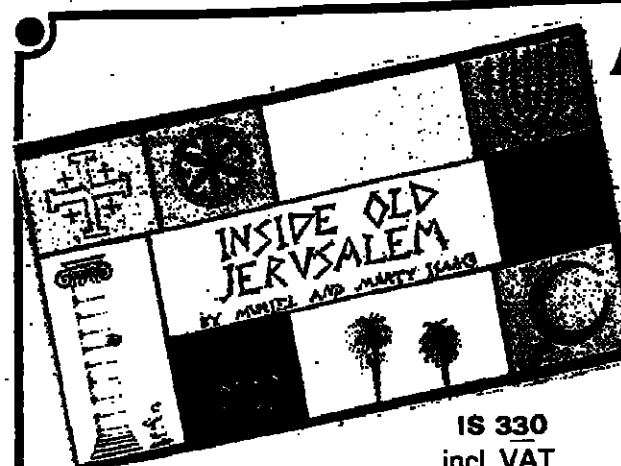
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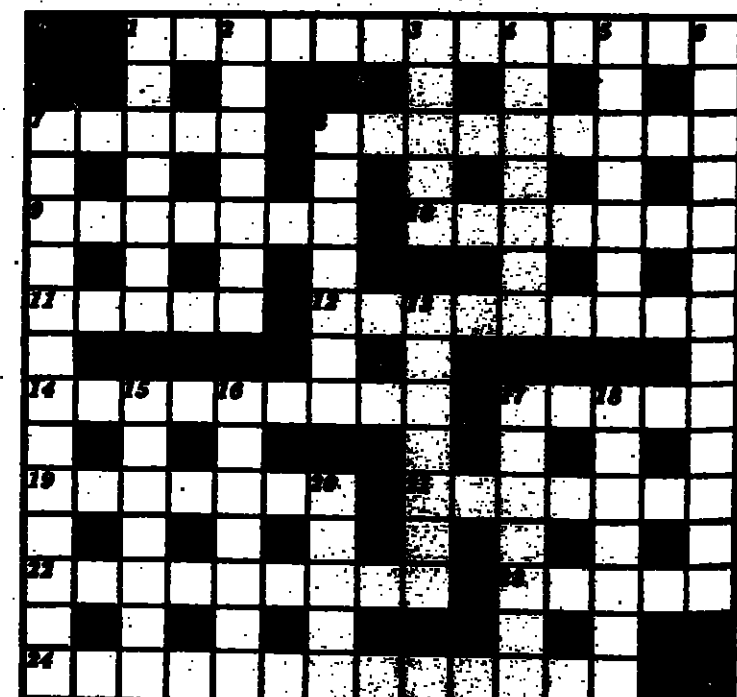
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ACROSS

- 1 Spiritualists may com-
pletely reverse your cir-
cumstances (4, 3, 6)
- 7 Sweep up twigs with a
stick (5)
- 8 One praising another for
feathering his own nest (9)
- 9 Tried to get the farmer's
car, having been overlooked
(7)
- 10 Withdraws his membership
from Society for the Com-
templation of God (7)
- 11 Where to see bride running
up to the altar (5)
- 12 Fired with the desire to get
machinery? running
smoothly? (6,5)
- 14 Trains fast runners (9)
- 17 Time to put the ship about.
Very wise (5)
- 19 Such advice in scarcity is
given, but it's no good (7)
- 21 Mark out where it occurred
(7)
- 22 Be patient and you'll get it!
(9)
- 23 Quiet! Songs are to be per-
formed on the stage (5)
- 24 Astronaut's last job is to
make electrical safety device
(6, 2, 5)

DOWN

- 1 They're put on trial if food
poisoning is suspected (7)
- 2 Language of love? (7)
- 3 Mrs Peron half dead? Miss,
surely! (5)
- 4 Wants room to dress her (7)
- 5 One about to be furtive in
doing it (7)
- 6 Just under the officers' din-
ing hall, where they eat
(9,4)
- 7 Large, spotted horse, use-
ful on safari (3,4, 6)
- 8 Over very long period, we
read, seize and carries off
food (7)
- 13 See it as unusual, but least
difficult problem (7)
- 15 One learning to be an auth-
ority on fellow pupils? (7)
- 16 Contentment member wants
his help (7)
- 17 Makes it easier to cut cards
for this cheat (7)
- 18 Laugh so rudely, seeing this
food (7)
- 20 Drops from herd work! (5)



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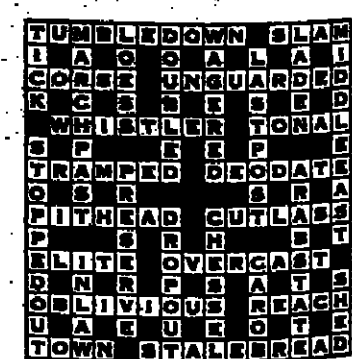
ACROSS

- 1 Sold his soul (6, 7)
- 7 Old weapon (5)
- 8 Commonplace remark (9)
- 9 Unearthly beings (7)
- 10 Of small importance (7)
- 11 Large bird (5)
- 12 He deals with certain com-
plaints (9)
- 14 Owner of something (8)
- 17 Containers (5)
- 19 Fascinating beauty (7)
- 21 A type of trick (3,4)
- 23 Light racing boat (3)
- 25 Ways out (5)
- 24 One of a surgical team
(7, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Moving to music, usually (7)
- 2 A crack, or rent (7)
- 3 Spacial model (5)
- 4 Made one (7)
- 5 Holidaymakers' travelling
(7)
- 6 Add for those swooning (8,5)
- 7 Famous jockey (6, 7)
- 8 Firearms (7)
- 12 A criminal (7)
- 13 Otherwise, 14 Writing, 15 Conduc-
tor, 16 Release, 17 Abuse, 24 Bell, 25
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ACROSS: 7 Butter, 8 Moment, 11
Neglect, 17 From, 18 Car, 19 Meat,
20 Sardine, 24 Split, 25 Worst
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Week ends on cheerful note

The week's activities ended on a cheerful note yesterday as the share market was on the up-side and the sharp two-day rally left investors in an optimistic mood. While the rise was nowhere as explosive as that on Wednesday, all sectors, oils excluded, wound up on the winning side. The General Share Index, banks excepted, was ahead by 1.85%.

Industrials were particularly strong, as they surged ahead by 2.37%, while investment company shares did even better, with a 2.70% sectorial advance.

Eight securities were established as "buyers only," while none were "sellers only."

A full 73 securities ran ahead by margins of more than 5%, while 22 fell by similar margins.

If there was any fly in the ointment, it was the moderate trading turnover, which totalled only just under 184 million. While it was difficult to ascertain, it seems that much of the upside action came as a result of purchases by mutual funds. The public, at least for the moment, is not a factor in direct market purchases.

In contrast to months when the cost-of-living index was very high, there was little comment yesterday about the 5.5% index rise for May. Most observers were not reassured and considered the figure a fluke. However, holders of index-linked

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By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

bonds felt differently and offered bonds for sale. The 100% linked bonds came under selling pressure and retreated by as much as 3%, in some instances. Trading activity remained moderate and was just under 184 million.

The shekel, in the wake of Wednesday's one agora revaluation, moved in the opposite direction and lost 17 agorot against the dollar.

The Maritime Bank shares continued their hair-raising gyrations. The 0.1 shares were clipped for a 8.4% loss, while the 0.5 issue was 6.5% lower. The shares of the First International Bank fell by 1.5%, with Danot and FIBI trading unchanged. In the case of the Danot 5.0 shares, the price remained unchanged despite a good demand for the stock.

Mortgage bank shares moved higher by relatively small margins. In the specialized financial institutions group Clal Leasing 0.5 led the pack with a 10.2% gain.

Insurance equities were on the upside, but the best gainer, Yardenia 0.1, was unable to muster a rise of 6.4%.

If one is looking for excitement in the service and trade sector, it can generally be found in the Cold Storage group of shares. Yesterday they did not disappoint, as the 1.0 issue posted a gain of 13.7%. Clal Computers was up by 10%.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues also moved to higher ground. The options, however, performed better than the main securities.

Elbit computers wound up as "buyers only" in a rapidly rising industrial group. Wednesday night the computer manufacturer announced that earnings had quadrupled. Elron, which owns some 70% of Elbit, was 3.2% improved. Alliance continued its improbable upward sprint with yet an additional 10% gain. Zikil 1.0 was up by 13.8%.

Investment company securities were the best performers in the market. The Israel Corporation 1.0 shares were 2.8% higher, but the 5.0 shares were 8.7% gainers. Speculative Ampa was up by 8.1%, while the option zipped ahead by more than 15%. Clal Industries and Piron were unchanged.

Shalek, the government-owned merchandising giant catering to military personnel, considers going public by means of a share flotation. Yesterday the company's general manager indicated that this is one of the ways in which the chain may expand its activities.

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Bank Leumi	210	303	+144.3
Bank Hapoalim	166	371	+223.5
Bank Leumi	136	55	+40.4
Bank Hapoalim	585	83	+14.2
Bank Leumi	339	31	+9.1
Bank Hapoalim	339	31	+9.1
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Bank Hapoalim	361	—	n.c.
Bank Leumi	115	115	+100.0
Bank Hapoalim	405	53	+13.1
Bank Leumi	374	86	+23.0
Bank Hapoalim	641	37	+5.8
Bank Leumi	1873	1	+0.05
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Bank Hapoalim	1300	376	+28.9
Bank Leumi	1970	38	+1.9

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Bank Hapoalim	1040	182	+17.5
Bank Leumi	260	35	+13.5
Bank Hapoalim	162	798	+492.0
Bank Leumi	545	—	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim	2360	—	n.c.
Bank Leumi	190	50	+26.3
Bank Hapoalim	92	30	+32.6
Bank Leumi	444	—	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim	161	145	+90.1
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Book Week shows Israelis like to read

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's 25th annual Hebrew Book Week, which closed Wednesday night, was a success, a member of the Book Publishers Association's organizing committee told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"Unlike the last fair, which was marred by Operation Peace for Galilee, this one got off to a good start and kept drawing large crowds," Rahel Edelmann said. She is an executive of the Schocken Publishing Company.

"Still operators reported that many people kept returning to the fair day after day," Edelmann said.

"Sales were brisk, though we still have no final figures to report. It is apparent that the slump in Hebrew book sales is over and Israelis are returning to one of their favorite pastimes — reading."

Many visitors pushing their way through the jammed aisles at the fair sites complained about the opening hours. They expressed the hope that in future Hebrew Book Weeks the stalls will be opened earlier. They opened at 4 p.m.

In Haifa, booklovers lost one day of fair-going when a sudden rainstorm sent exhibitors and visitors scurrying out of Gan Hazikaron, where the event was held.

The "week" was observed with book bazaars in 38 locations throughout the country. Beginning yesterday, travelling book displays sponsored by the Education and Culture Ministry began visiting small population centres whose residents were unable to get to the nearest fair during book week.

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Divided doctors

THERE IS some irony in the fact that it was the Histadrut, a symbol of worker solidarity, which triggered the split within the ranks of the striking doctors, between those affiliated with the Histadrut sick fund's clinics and those employed in the country's hospitals. Yet from the very start of their strike, 108 days ago, there was a discernible difference in the condition, and the attitudes, of the two groups of physicians.

While the hospital doctors have been regularly employed during the strike, even in the hospitals themselves, the clinic doctors have been out of work most of the time, and they have been hurt economically. The "alternative medical centres," a supposed answer to the clinics, did not offer much in the way of regular occupation. It was only following the brief but massive doctor walkout last month that work in Kupat Holim Clinics resumed two days a week.

Clinic doctors, too, tend to be older, with a lower quotient of militancy than their colleagues in the hospitals. It has also been argued that the clinic doctors, who attend to whole families, are endowed with a higher sense of personal obligation to their patients.

On Wednesday, the Clalit fund clinic doctors, strongly urged on by the sick fund chairman, Prof. Haim Doron, tipped the scales at a meeting of the Clalit doctors' national council in favour of an immediate return to full-time work in the clinics. The decision was reached by a very small majority, for the Clalit hospital doctors opposed it. In any case it still requires the approval of the Israel Medical Association.

The IMA's central committee has threatened to veto the decision, leaving the clinic doctors the option of reversing themselves or breaking away from the parent body. Interestingly, however, the central committee appears to be in no rush to force a move that could prompt a formal split within the profession.

What effect the clinic doctors' separate deal might have on prospects for a satisfactory wage agreement with the hospital doctors can only be guessed. Although official figures have not been released, it is estimated that the separate deal, sanctioned by the Treasury, goes significantly beyond the 22 per cent rise insisted upon as the allowable average maximum by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. Presumably the hospital doctors will use those figures, such as they are, as the "floor" for their own arrangement, which must also include pay for night-time duty and standby shifts.

The Treasury is reported to be hopeful that the separate action by the clinic doctors will serve to soften the hospital doctors' stand. This is possible, but it is equally possible that, without the moderating influence of the clinic doctors, the hospital militants might only intensify their fight — especially if the Treasury should hit back at them with its own brand of belligerence.

Hospitals are already becoming filled to capacity, and hospital doctors are going on hunger strike. A little more of the same, and the result could be real tragedy. There is a somewhat macabre debate now going on between the Ministry of Health and Kupat Holim over the death rate during the first three months of the strike. The former claims that it has dropped a little, the latter that it has risen appreciably. What cannot be doubted is that a further extension of the strike would be absolutely deadly.

The recipe for averting the tragedy is the same now as it was nearly four months ago: a show of reasonableness on both sides.

Time to stop bickering

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IT WAS refreshing to hear Defence Minister Moshe Arens on TV's *Moked* on Wednesday night. His observations were rational, low-key and logical. His criticism of those who oppose the government's policies was polite and well argued. He neither belittled the sincerity of those who want to get out of Lebanon now, nor accused those who think differently from the government of "causing casualties."

He was right when he said that the internal debate is harming Israel's negotiating stance. There can be no doubt that the Alignment's call for a unilateral withdrawal must have been heard with glee in a troubled and isolated Damascus. The hysteria and mudslinging that has accompanied the argument in Israel must have been the only rays of sunshine on President Hafez Assad's rather bleak horizon these past weeks.

The situation is absurd. The government decided last month to agree to a full pull-back from Lebanon, conditional upon a Syrian-PLO withdrawal. The Lebanese parliament ratified the agreement with an overwhelming vote, thus formally demanding a Syrian and PLO withdrawal. Almost the entire Arab world, apart from Iran and Libya, is behind the agreement, as is the U.S. and all of Western Europe.

The Syrians have the audacity to claim now that the decision of both the Lebanese government and the Lebanese parliament, (perhaps not two of the most democratic institutions in the world, but certainly more reflective of public opinion than any Syrian institution that Assad could point to), is illegal, and therefore not binding. Nor does the call for withdrawal by the Arab world that gave Syria its mandate to be in Lebanon in the first place have any legitimacy for Assad.

Assad, apparently, is allowed to make his own laws, play by his own rules; and somehow this seems both understandable and legitimate. Arens was right. Assad will not budge because he does not take Israel, the Americans and the Lebanese — but primarily Israel — seriously. Assad knows that each new casualty in Lebanon means more pressure on the Israeli government to withdraw unilaterally. Therefore he knows that if he can hold out a little longer, and extend his lines for more attacks against Israeli soldiers deployed in Lebanon, he can ultimately win.

He knows, too, that the climate of opinion in Israel is distinctly anti-war, thus giving any threat of Israeli military action against Syria's forces in Lebanon a hollow ring.

Because of the openness of the Israeli debate, because of the great

sensitivity in Israel to casualties, because of this country's free press, the IDF will either hold onto its current lines, or launch a war to force all foreign forces out of Lebanon.

IN THESE conditions it is almost impossible for the defence minister to handle the situation. He is playing with his hands tied; bargaining without backing and, worst of all, without credibility.

The strategic advantages that Israel enjoys at this time — American support, Syria's isolation, the support of the Arab world, Israeli military superiority — have all been theoretically dissipated as bargaining chips by Israel's inability to convey a credible message to the Syrians that Israel is determined to get them out of Lebanon at all costs. And so Assad is not budging.

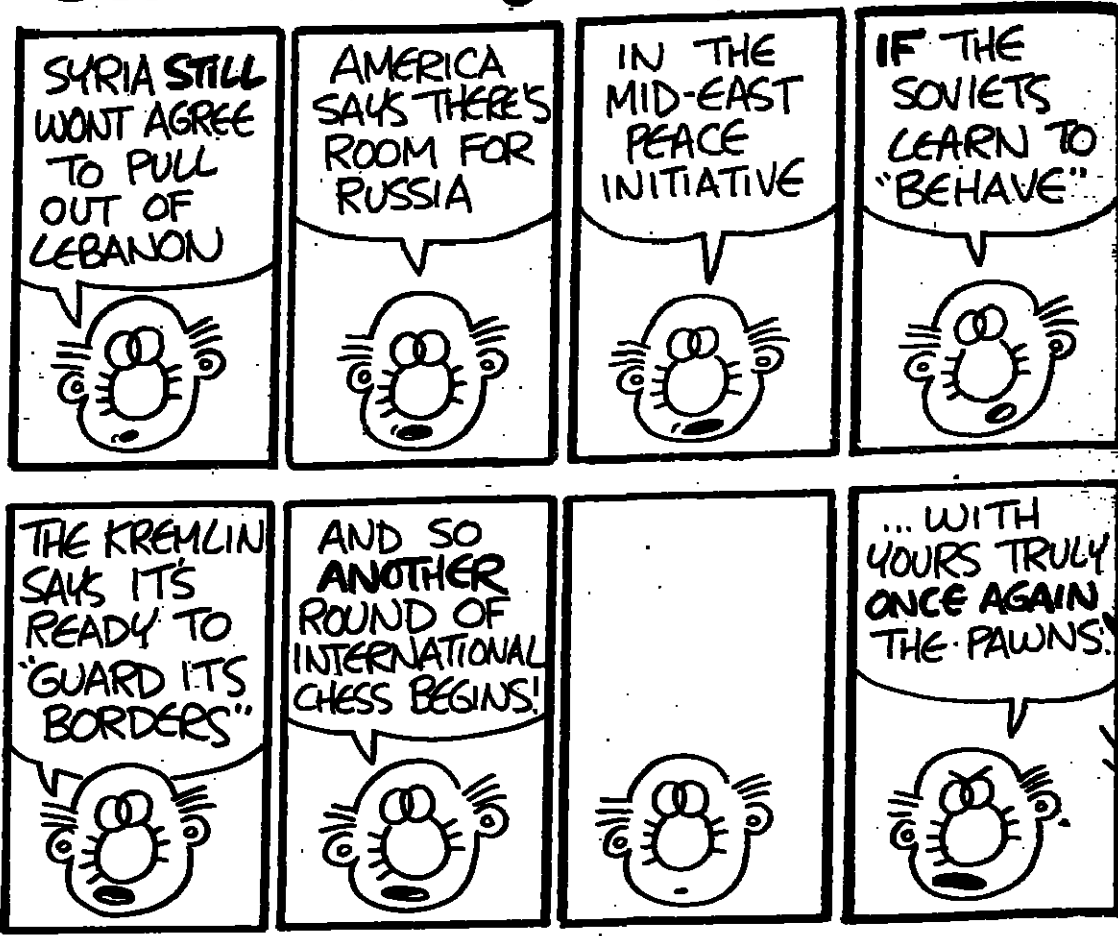
Arens, who inherited this war from Ariel Sharon, is being fought not only by the opposition, but within the cabinet as well. His predecessor is calling for a partial withdrawal, as are other ministers, either openly or via select leaks to the media. After last Sunday's cabinet session, for example, Arens was informed on the radio that his period of grace was up. Several unnamed ministers, the report went on, were less than happy with the way Arens was handling things, and there was a substantial body of opinion around the cabinet table counselling a partial unilateral withdrawal.

How is Arens supposed to make himself believed when dealing with Syrian obduracy in these conditions? The Syrians know that more pressure is being applied on Arens from within to settle for a permanent Syrian presence in Lebanon than from Damascus. What Assad himself could not do, is being done for him in Israel.

The worst thing that could happen is a partial unilateral withdrawal at this stage, because this would mean a permanent deployment of the IDF in vast areas of Southern Lebanon, where most of the attacks being carried out against our forces are taking place. There is nothing more permanent than a temporary arrangement.

THE AIM must be to get out of Lebanon as completely and as quickly as possible. The aim must be to get the PLO and the Syrians out of Lebanon as quickly as possible. The aim cannot be the *de facto* partition of Lebanon into areas of control held by parties irrevocably hostile to one another. This would be signing the death warrant of Lebanese sovereignty; and the death warrants of many Israeli

The Friday Dry Bones



soldiers doomed to be caught in the cross-fire of other peoples' wars, and the rocket sights of the dozens of anti-Israeli units operating in Lebanon.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with this war, the death of 500 Israelis fighting it is a fact. Regardless of what one may think about the wisdom of this war, a new reality has been created, and must now be translated into the best geo-strategic equation possible from Israel's point of view.

The PLO infrastructure within range of Israel must not be allowed to be rebuilt. A more efficient police force than UNIFIL, like the one envisaged in the accord, is a direct Israeli interest. Israel must avoid having a common front with the multinational force if incidents like those of last winter between the IDF and the Marines are not to recur. Israel must strive for an anti-Syrian, anti-PLO alliance with the Lebanese Army representing the Lebanese government, and not continue to rely on tenuous alliances with partisan forces in Lebanon, such as the Phallange or Haddad.

If these basic goals are not attained, then 500 men will have died in vain, regardless of whether one agrees with the war or not. And probably not one of these objectives can be achieved if Israel withdraws unilaterally, and leaves both the Syrians and the PLO intact.

IT IS ONLY a matter of time before the multinational force packs its bags. Should the Marines start sustaining casualties if and when they move into the vacuum created by an Israeli withdrawal, American public opinion would probably make it impossible for President Reagan to maintain U.S. military participation in Lebanon. The trauma of Vietnam is too deeply ingrained to be ignored.

Those resolved to weaken President Amin Jemayel's regime can be expected to be as active as possible in securing an American withdrawal. And neither the British, the Italians nor the French will stay if the Americans pull out.

If Israel withdraws unilaterally, and if the vacuum is filled by the multinational force and not the Lebanese army; it will only be a matter of months before Israel is face to face with the Syrians and the PLO again, this time from lines

closer to the Israeli border.

This has been argued many times by Arens, and the fact that he happens to be a member of the same government that created this mess in Lebanon to begin with does not mean that his analysis is to be rejected automatically by opponents of the war.

He is right. And he is right in demanding that everything be done to secure a full Syrian-PLO withdrawal. It is possible to get the agreement reached between Israel and Lebanon and ratified by the democratic institutions of both these countries, to work. The Syrians are in a weak position, notwithstanding the Soviet support they enjoy.

The PLO is more fragmented now than ever before. If they took Israel, Lebanon, the U.S., and the vast majority of the Arab world seriously they would have no alternative but to leave.

The truth is that Israel has no real alternative but to secure a total withdrawal of all forces. Too much has already been invested, rightly or wrongly, to settle for less.

THE GOAL is attainable, but what has to happen before it can be reached is for Arens' logic to penetrate the rest of the political spectrum, including the cabinet itself.

An interim withdrawal to new lines will only mean a protracted deployment in Lebanon, and a protracted deployment there can

only mean more Israeli casualties. Israel has to maintain lines very close to those it now holds, and continue to demand vociferously a Syrian-PLO withdrawal, followed by the full implementation of the agreement.

Meanwhile, the IDF has to adopt a far more active defence in protecting its troops in Lebanon. This would mean both preventive action, and a more aggressive response to attack, including retaliatory raids over Syrian-held lines.

Israel has the military power to deter the Syrians from stimulating attacks on its forces. And Israel has both the military power and the international support to demand implementation of the treaty.

But without the support of the Israeli public, the power that Israel has at its disposal is almost meaningless. An interim withdrawal is yet another stop-gap solution that will ultimately only cost more lives.

The debate here has to stop, and the defence minister has to be given every ounce of support to find a solution that will at least have a chance of working. He has to be given the support necessary to change the rules Assad has chosen to play by.

Then perhaps the register recording those killed in this war can be finally closed, and with it the breach that has divided this nation so painfully for the past year.

The writer is The Jerusalem Post Defence Correspondent.

READERS' LETTERS

THE CHRONICALLY ILL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am a member of one of the largest groups in Israel. We do not carry membership cards, go to general meetings, or pay annual dues to maintain our status. We have no central committee, no public relations department, and no inspirational leader. We are not affiliated with any organization and support no particular party. Once you become a member, you are usually one for life. Not out of loyalty to the cause, but out of slavery to the design.

In spite of all this, our group has powerful enemies. We know who they are. In fact, until recently, we maintained close, if not intimate relationships with them. Then, they turned on us. Where once they were compassionate, now they are cruel. Where once they were concerned for our well-being, now they are uncaring and treacherous. They saved every life, which is like giving life. Now they are selective. But these are not ruthless savages who kill in hot-blooded rage, they are civilized professionals who kill in cold-blooded calculation. We are the victims of this heinous crime, and we know who the perpetrators are. But they will never be brought to

justice. Their method is too subtle. It leaves no marks, no evidence, and can take months, or even years, to effect.

So why don't we defend ourselves? Because if we take vengeance on them, we will suffer further still. So we do nothing. We hold no mass rallies, present no petitions, threaten no sanctions. We suffer silently, held hostage until the ransom is paid. But their ransom demand is too high, and their value of life too low, so we close our eyes at night feeling our faith, our hope, and sometimes our life, slipping away.

There will be no chants of "Death to the Doctors." We cannot even fight for our right to live. But all of us, the chronically ill, will ultimately become martyrs, dying for what someone else believes in.

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